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WILL START PROBE IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Revelations of Existance of White Slave Traffic in This County Brings Action of Neighboring Authorities

INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUED HERE

Westmoreland county authorities will take up the work of running to earth white slavers in that county and act conjunctively with District Attorney Richard G. Miller of this county, according to a dispatch that comes from Greensburg. That Monessen, the alleged starting point of the traffic that extends through a chain of towns will be cleaned out, seems certain.

District Attorney Miller's startling revelations at Washington this week produced a profound sensation throughout Washington and other counties in Western Pennsylvania. It is stated the Westmoreland authorities were mildly surprised and somewhat peeved that District Attorney Miller had not seen fit to acquaint them with the facts, but nevertheless concluded to get to work at once, as a Westmoreland town was the starting point.

Third Street Hollow, Monessen, where the traffic is said to have been fostered and given an impetus by Italians, is just outside the borough limits of Monessen. Officers of Monessen seem to have had no authority. No one else seemed to think it worth while to prosecute, though some of the leading citizens urged that the place be cleaned out. It seems the operators of the traffic up that way did not fear publicity, but regarded it rather as good advertising. It was charged on several different occasions that boys were being enticed there and that High School boys made regular visits to the houses of ill fame.

No further developments are reported in the case from the district attorney's office. Investigations are still being carried on. Men who disappeared at the first advance of the axe to fall upon their luckless heads are still missing. District Attorney Miller is being aided in his work of investigation by his assistant district attorney, T. H. W. Fergus, Constable Fred White, of Canonsburg, and by County Detective William McCleary.

TAX LEVY FIXED AT THREE AND THREE-QUARTERS MILLS FOR YEAR

No Change in Taxation Declared by Commissioners

DOG RATE INCREASED

At a joint meeting Friday among County Commissioners Thomas Hill, John A. Berry and A. P. Barnum, Controller John H. Moffit and Chief Clerk H. R. Campbell, the tax levy for the county for the coming year was fixed. It was put at three and three-quarter mills, the same as the past year. The levy this year is a flat one and not divided, as heretofore, into so much for general purpose and so much for bonded debt. The valuation of the county is fixed upon appropriations made for different funds for the coming year.

In order to clear up the shortage of several thousand dollars in the dog fund, out of which sheep damages are paid, the commissioners have increased the tax on dogs. Hereafter the tax will be $1.50 on male dogs, instead of $1, and $3 on female dogs, instead of $2.

Vote to be Counted.

Tomorrow the firemen on the eastern railroads will begin the counting of their votes taken on the matter of striking, and the first part of the week, public announcement will be made of the result. The firemen have asked by the various railroads concerned for an increase in wages. The railroads have agreed to certain increases but the firemen claim it is not enough, and refuse to have their troubles arbitated by a board similar to that which arbitrated the recent trouble between the railroads and the engineers. Should a strike ensue practically all the railroads of the country would be tied up.

CHICAGO MAN TO LECTURE TONIGHT ON CLASS STRUGGLE

On the subject, "Class Struggle," William Francis Bernard of Chicago a prominent Socialist lecturer will deliver an address at the Co-Operative Hall on Fallowfield avenue at 8 o'clock this evening. Mr. Bernard, who has studied the subject of Socialism widely and deeply is said to be a quick and skillful debater, a master of language, and is thoroughly at home on the platform. While in this section he will fill engagements at Monessen, Belle Vernon, Roscoe, California, Brownsville, Fayette City and Monongahela. Mr. Bernard, who is the author of "The Tongues That Toil," is characterized as "the poet of the people."

WILL PREACH A SPECIAL SERMON TO THE CHILDREN

A special children's service will be held at the First Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Special music will be rendered by the children of the primary department of the Bible school under the direction of Miss Muriel Scott, and the church choir under the direction of E. C. Drum. Rev. E. N. Duty, the pastor, will deliver a chort sermonette on the subject, "Gathering Stones."

At the Star Theatre Today.

"Blood Will Tell," two reels.
"Cousins of Sherlocko." 16it2

IMPORTANT WORK AHEAD OF GRAND JURY TO CONSIDER

Organization to be Effected Monday for February Term--California Homicide Cases Are Listed for Hearing

Monday marks the beginning of seven weeks of busy court work. The grand jury for the February term will meet Monday and after the usual charge from the court, will begin its work for the week. Judge McIlvaine will charge the grand jury and take care of criminal court work that may come before him during the coming week.

Judge Taylor will be busy for the first few days of the week in disposing of the liquor license hearings and applications. License court will be convened on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The grand jury will be convened at 1 o'clock. The constables also make their quarterly returns on Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

The grand jury will have a busy week or more disposing of the cases listed to be presented to it. There are at present about 100 cases listed for the grand jury including two homecides. These are the cases against Domenico Monteabano, Gereolinio Spallino, Charles Cicero, Giovanni, Spallino and Mrs. Charles Darbin, all alleged to have been implicated in the California Christmas morning tragedy, and Harry Musconey, charged with killing Bert Quill, at Marianna, a few weeks ago.

SUNDAY AMONG THE CHURCHES

First Methodist Episcopal.

Church and Sunday school, with sermon by the pastor at 10:30. Prayer meeting in charge of the Epworth League at 6:30. Evangelistic service at 7:30. At the morning service the pastor will preach at the request of several people on "The Lost Crown." You will always find a cordial welcome at the home-like church. Rev. F. A. Richards, minister.

Baptist.

Bible school at 9:45. Public worship at 11. Sermon by the pastor. Last of a series of talks on "The Holy Spirit and His Work." The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed following the sermon. Young People's meeting at 6:30. Leader, Miss Iva Higgins. Visitors will be cordially welcomed. Rev. E. G. Stanley, pastor.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Church service at 11. The beneficent offering in the green envelope will be for the board of ministrial relief. Jr. C. E. at 2.30. Sr. C. E. at 6:45. This is Christian Endeavor Day and will be observed by both with a special program. Evening service at 7:30. Preaching service Wednesday evening instead of regular prayer meeting. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. J. T. Hackett, pastor.

St. Mary's Episcopal.

Corner Sixth and Lookout. Quinquagesima, or the Sunday next before Lent. Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45. Ante-communion service, sermon and celebration of the holy communion at 11. Subject of discourse, "Christian Humility." Evening prayer and address at 7:30. Subject, "Forgiveness of Sins." Wednesday of this week being Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent, there will be services in the church as follows: Morning prayer, litany and penitential offices with address and holy communion Friday of next week. Evening prayer and litany with address at 8. All are cordially invited. Rev. Lucius W. Shey, rector.

Lutheran.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching service at 11. Subject, "The Second Mile." Luther league at 6:30. Vesper services with sermon at 7:30. The public is most cordially invited. Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian.

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "The Sinners Friend". At this service the Lord's supper will be commemorated and new members received. Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Senior C. E. at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30. Sermon, "A Power Stronger Than Life," a message to new converts. Visitors in our city and those without a church home are invited to worship with us. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

First Christian.

Fallowfied near Sixth. Bible school at 9:45. Your presence is desired at our live-wire Bible school. Special Children's Service at 11. Special music will be rendered by the children of the primary department of the Bible school under the direction of Miss Muriel Scott, and the church choir under the direction of E. C. Rrum. The pastor will deliver a short sermonette on the subject, "Gathering Stones." The public is at 6:30. Subject. "Christian Enivited to this service. Senior C. E. deavor Principles and How to Uphold Them." Evening worship at 7:30. Address by Rev. H. Newton Miller. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. Teachers training class at 8:30. All strangers are cordially invited. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor.

CHARLEROI HIGH SUFFERS DEFEAT AT CLAYSVILLE

For the second time the Claysville basketball team Friday evening defeatd the Charleroi five by a score of 48 to 21. The game was played on the Claysville floor. In the game at Charleroi three weeks ago Claysville also won.

The score:

Claysville—48.		Charleroi—21
Nuss	F	Wagner
Duncan	F	Nutt
Buchanan	C	Gaut
Miller	G	Stahlman
Ray	G	Campbell

Substitutions—Burns for Ray. Goals from field—Nuss 9, Duncan 4, Buchanan 8, Miller, Burns 2, Wagner 8, Nutt 2, Gaut 3, Stahlman. Goals from foul—Wagner 3. Time of halves—20 minutes. Umpire, Lorimer. Referee, Sharp.

RATHER A MIXUP SAYS CORRESPONENT

To the Editor of the Charleroi Mail:

Sir:—A recent communication in the Mail was the cause of no little discussion among the many readers of Charleroi's news diseminator. Not so much as to the quality of the article, for little things do not disturb the people in this vicinity. The discussion might well be termed a debate as to whether the author wanted to say something or the editor got the headings of several items together and by mistake, bunched them under the locals. The communication informed us that although everybody was going to church, others were building a railroad, some more were repairing the Belle Vernon bridge while there was still a mob left to witness the "breaking" of a broncho.

It is barely possible that a few people, at least, remained in their homes, attending strictly to their own business, but strangely enough, no mention was made of the fact. If Newton Newkirk should stumble upon that contribution, no doubt he would make capital of it. However, it does bring back to memory the advice of an old newspaper man, to a school of reporters: "If at any time you feel that you have nothing to say, then for Heaven's sake say it."

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FLOOD OF BILLS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Over 300 Already Presented in the House and at Least 150 in the Senate--Nearly all Important Measuras Reported

DEMOCRATS HAVE UTILITIES BILL

Harrisburg, Feb. 1.—Although the legislature has been in session only two weeks, there have been introduced approximately 300 bills in the house and 150 in the senate. The aggregate is about one-third greater than the corresponding period of the last legislature, whcih in turn had outdistanced its predecessors. The flood of bills is attributed to various causes, among which are the greater proportion of independent membership in the senate and house, the liberalizing of the rules and the increased popular interest in legislation.

As far as is known nearly all the big bills are in, except those that are being prepared by the Democratic legislative committees. The creation of a Public Service Commission, generally regarded as the most important work of this session, is now covered by two bills, the Republican State legislative committee's measure having been presented last week and Governor Tener's this week. Their most marked difference is that the latter includes provision for regulating issues of stocks and bonds to prevent watering, while the former leaves this to be taken care of in a proposed separate "blue sky" law. The Democrats profess to believe neither will stand a constitutional test and will offer a bill of their own. Governor Tener selected Representative F. H. Rockwell, of Tioga, a pronounced independent, to introduce and stand sponsor for his bill, which is accepted as indicating a disposition to bring the various elements together on a measure that will be satisfactory to all.

The woman suffrage constitutional amendment was approved by the judiciary general committee, of the house, and is on the calendar for first reading next Monday night. Another constitutional amendment approved by the committee is to pave the way for establishing the eight-hour day on public work. It passed the last legislature, and if approved this time will go before the people next November.

As indicated the great diversity of the propositions already offered to the legislature, the following are a few of the more important or interesting measures introduced this week. Prohibiting assistance to voters not physically disabled, establishing a state hospital for inebriates, the initiative and referendum for third class cities, liquor prohibition, suppression of the Black Hand, codification of the criminal laws, school teachers' pensions, compulsory arbitration, prohibiting the slaughtering of birds for millinery, receiver of taxes for third class cities, compelling telephone companies to accept each others' messages, civil service for state, county and municipal offices, raising standard of medical education, registering lobbyists, licensing hunters, establishing a state fair and prohibiting imbeciles to marry.

OPTOMETRISTS PETITION FOR PASSAGE OF PROTECTIVE LAW

Measure to be Presented to Legislature in Short Time

TO REGULATE PRACTICE

Optometrists over the state, and people generally in touch with legislaitve affairs are interested in the outcome of a bill that will be presented to the legislature shortly calling for the adoption of rules governing the practice of optometry in the state similar to those governing the practice of pharmacy or medicine. The measure has been drafted and widely circulated.

At the present time it is argued anybody that so chooses can fit eye glasses, which is practically all optometry is. For instance a faker can pretend to fit a person with glasses, using ten cent lens that are nothing more or less than ordinary pieces of glass. Such have usually no knowledge of the real needs of a person they fit. Optometrists claim this is an injustice to the people and to their profession. Their idea is to have an optometrical board appointed by the governor, which board shall look after the registration of optometrists over the state the same as

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P. H. C. FOURTH ANNUAL DANCE IS BIG DRAWING CARD

Charleroi Circle, No. 303, Protected Home Circle gave their fourth annual dance in the Might Auditorium Friday evening, and the event brought one of the biggest crowds that even attended one of the affairs. There was dancing from 8:30 until 2. A feature of the event was old fashioned square dancing.

A number came from out of town to attend the dance. The social committee that had charge of the affair consisiting of Dale Joliffe, John McIlvaine, Louis Booth, Charles Strowd and Howard Vernon looked after the arrangements and made it the success it was.

Receive Increase In Wages.

Today every employe of the United States Steel corporation plants along the Monongahela valley received an advance of wages. All classes of men, whether skilled or unskilled laborers or men in the clerical departments or in the general offices as well as many of the executives are affected by the increase.

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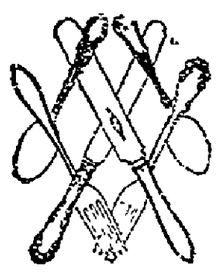

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SYMPTOMS.

In spite of the apparent prosperous conditions throughout the country, with no indications of a cessation in the wheels of industry, numerous strikes and labor disputes are developing in the various big industrial centers. The peculiar feature about these is that for the most part they are spontaneous, and not the result of premeditated deliberations or special grievances. Rather they appear to be a sudden revolt against existing conditions, born of desperation because of the apparently hopeless effort to live decently and respectably on the purchasing power of the wages earned. All increase of wages during the past few years have been more than offset by the increase in the cost of living, until the wage earner who gets two dollars a day or less, is forced to live wretchedly and even brutally.

These spontaneous strikes are symptoms. They indicate that the social body is in an unhealthy condition, and that unless a remedy is found the disease will break out in an epidemic that will be violent and far reaching. There are cracks in our social foundation, and unless they are repaired the whole superstructure is liable to topple over. When large bodies of unorganized working men and women with one common impulse cease work and clamor for better conditions, it is time to give heed. Something is wrong, and unless it is righted the deluge is inevitable. The wise physician always begins his treatment as soon as the symptoms of the disease appear.

TALK 'EM OVER.

Out of the great mass of bills that have been introduced in the legislature, some are of vital interest to the people directly, and othrs yet to some are of equal importance. Some of this proposed ligislation will affect every man, woman and child personally, and some will cut off the leaks in the household income if enacted into law. For this reason every one should read and discuss the proposed bills, and urge their adoption.

The public utilities law, if it passes will insure a square deal to the people, and afford a means of redress when a corporation that has a profitable franchise created by the public tries to "hog" things. When a railroad company wants to charge excess freight or passenger rates; when a water, gas or electric company tries to pull one over on the people, such as boosting the gas rate in canning time in the summer, or in the winter or when the electric company wants to tuck on a "demand charge," or the telephone company compels you to serve as a messenger boy to pay your bills without any rebate, or the water company makes you buy the scales from them to weigh their product you must purchase, then the Public Utilities or Service commission constitutes a body who will hear your kicks and has the power to exact redress. This is a most important act, and one which should be thoroughly discussed and understood by the public.

Then there are others. All of these make good subject matter for social bodies to get together on and talk over. People do not have to submit to any social injustice if they don't want to, and now is the time to act, when the legislature is in session.

HIGH SCHOOL INTEREST CENTERS IN BASKETBALL

Various School Teams Make Good Showing---Interesting Items and Personalities of High School Folks.

The Basketball teams of High School showed their true colors last Friday night when they won four games, three of which were played on the home floor. The first team went to Appolo Friday afternoon and defeated the High School team at that place Friday night. On Saturday night the first team gained a victory over the Vandergrift P. H. C. The second High School team defeated the Concordia second team; the Sophomores the Chalmers team and the Freshmen the Fayette City Keystone A. C.

Manager Campbell was deprived of the trip to Apollo with the Basketball team Friday. He arrived at Union Depot, Pittsburg, just in time to see the train depart.

Forward Wagner met with a slight accident toward the end of the game at Apollo, when he received a cut on the head. He was unable to give his support to the team at Vandergrift Saturday night but resumed his work at school Monday.

After school was dismissed Friday afternoon a number of the students went to the rink in order to drive away the cares of the week. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all present and the examinations of the past week were soon forgotten.

A slight change has taken place in the studies of the Senior class for the second semester. Arithemtic has been substituted for Solid Geometry and American History for English History.

Miss Bethel Bowman, a member of last year's graduating class visited High School Wednesday afternoon. Miss Bowman is attending school at Morgantown, W. Va.

Miss Edna Weight, a member of the Senior class has returned to school after suffering from a slight attack of tonsilitis.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

A quartet to appear here next week advertises stringed music. Just so they are not stringing us.

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A class in a certain school is said to be completely stuck in Latin. What do they want to study that stuff for?

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If some people wish, as they seem, to perpetuate rag-time music, why don't they build a monument and cut out the singing of it as a general favor to mankind.

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Getting the right to vote in England seems to be attended with considerable damage to the personal appearance of the women leaders.

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Bulgaria seems to want what they want when they want it.

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The Balkan war is said to be running ahead of schedule. However, a war has been announced three days hence. Tickets on sale now.

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No, Genevieve, spring hasn't arrived.

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Tomorrow the groundhog will have his day. Hope to thunder it rains.

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The French idea of fixing the ahmony while the bridegroom is still in love has its drawbacks.

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Still a dead town is not always a good one for an undertaker.

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The fact that the days are getting longer have nothing to do with the alarm clock.

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It wouldn't be surprising for the bride who before marriage plans for three or four servants to find afterward she is the whole crew.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

An indignant woman threw open the door and rushed into the office of the manager of a furniture house that sells most of its goods on the installment plan, says a writer in the New York Sun.

She complained bitterly that she had selected a dresser a day or two before and that when it was delivered she found it to be defective; in several places the wood had been seriously marred and varnished over. Apparently it had been sold before and taken back after several months use because the original purchaser could not pay for it.

The manager listened patiently; he expressed his regret and said that he would adjust the matter at once to her entire satisfaction. Asking her to excuse him a moment, he reached for a telephone on his desk. Then the wrathful woman heard a one sided conversation like this:

"Give me Mr. Jones. This is the manager. Mrs. So-and-so is here; she says that a dresser you sent her day before yesterday is second hand. I have told you once before that you must never send out any such stuff as that even if you haven't a perfect piece in stock. No, I don't care to hear your excuses; turn over your desk to Mr. Smith, go the the cashier and get your time; you're discharged and that ends it."

The manager slammed the receiver back on its hook with a bang. Then he turned to the wrathful woman and said:

"Thank you madam, for bringing this matter to our attention; if you will keep that dresser a day or two I will have it replaced out of the next shipment from the factory. I rather hated to discharge Jones because he has a wife and large family, but we can't stand for anything like this."

The woman's indignation turned to pity. She said that possibly she had been a little hasty, and perhaps the piece of furmture was not second hand after all; she ended by saying she would rather keep it than have the man lose his place.

The manager thanked her and said that under the circumstances he might reconsider the matter. The woman departed in good humor. Then the manager smiled as he looked at his telephone, which never has bee nin order and never will be. It is a phony phone, but he needs it in his business.

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NORTH CHARLEROI

Miss Alfreda Marshall, of Monongahela visited Miss Goldie Kibbler.

Arvey Duvoir, of Monessen, was visiting Frank Phillips Tuesday evening.

Miss Ila Woodward, of Carroll township, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Alice Lotta, a teacher of the public school in room No. 4, is ill, and has not been able to teach any this week.

Mrs. Jerome Bell, of Carroll township, visited friends.

Mrs. Clyde Bradley is ill with appendicitis.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kibbler have resumed their school duties, ater being ill for two weeks.

Mrs. Charles Cotton, who was visiting relatives of Near Belle Vernon, returned home very ill and had to be accompanied by her friends.

Alfred Brant, who was seriously injured by a fall from the postoffice, breaking his leg, is much improved, but is yet unable to resume his duties.

The Lock View Fancy Work Club met at the home of Mrs. John Myer Thursday evening with eight members present. The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Mrs, Wm. Foulks.

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How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentleman. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt.

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements.

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth.

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original headstones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear,
For Emily Church lies buried here.
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"— "Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"— "Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"— "Mr. Perceval presented a petition praying"— "Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"— "Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"— "Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"— "Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Orejon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

Sometime, They Are.

Little Sister—What are goose eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fouls of the game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not how long.

Made a Strike Too.

In an imperial city a criminal was condemned to be beheaded who had a singular itching to play at ninepins. While his sentence was pronouncing he had the temerity to offer a request to be permitted to play once more at his favorite game at the place of execution, and then, he said, he would submit without a murmur. As the last prayer of a dying man, his request was granted. When arrived at the solemn spot he found everything prepared, the pins being set up and the bowl ready. He played with no little earnestness, but the sheriff at length, seeing that he showed no inclination to desist, privately ordered the executioner to strike the fatal blow as he stooped for the bowl. The executioner did so, and the head dropped into the culprit's hand as he raised himself to see what had occurred. He immediately aimed at the nine, conceiving that it was the bowl which he grasped. All nine pins falling, the head loudly exclaimed, "I have won the game!"—From the German.

FAITH OF THE FOREST.

Curious Traits of One of the Savage Tribes of Siberia.

Concerning one of the obscure races of northwestern Siberia a traveler writes: "A few of the traits of these curious people may prove of interest, as they show that environment is the strongest factor in determining character. Their intense superstition is accounted for by innate fear of all things they cannot understand. Their shyness, dislike of strangers and dread of their lamas and chiefs are again the result of superstition and seclusion. Sadness and melancholia are stamped on their faces, as is natural to a people who are in constant fear of the genii of the mountains, rivers and forests, whose whole time is taken up with propitiating the gods lest evil befall them.

"The Uriankhai is a product of the forest as the Arab is of the desert. The one is the antithesis of the other. Environment has molded the character of each to his surroundings. The fearless believer in one God, the nomad of the sunlit desert, compares strikingly with the superstitious inhabitants of dark, damp forests, fearsome of evil spirits and cringing under their witch doctors.

"All through life the forest dweller is in fear of offending the deities, and at death his corpse is carried out and placed on some lone hilltop, where the wild beasts are expected to devour it if the man has led a good life, but bad Uriankhai have not that doubtful honor bestowed upon them."—Chicago News.

Ventilation.

Have we ever stopped to think how our ancestors two or three generations back lived and flourished with little or no ventilation in their sleeping apartments? The night air used to be considered a very dreadful menace to health and a sure inducer of colds. Bedrooms were kept closely shut, and yet our ancestors, many of them, were hardier than we and lived to good old ages. Animals burrow in their holes at night, breathing the same air over and over again, while birds and fowls tuck their heads under their wings. Of course ventilation is absolutely necessary for proper comfort, cleanliness and health, but people have lived on little or none of it for hundreds and thousands of years.—Exchange.

A Giant Pepys Saw.

King James I. had a gigantic porter eight feet six inches in height, but he was not perfect, being round shouldered, knockkneed and lame in one foot. Of a similar height was Charles Munster, a yeoman of the Hanoverian guard who died in 1676, and seven years before there was being exhibited in London a Dutchman eight feet nine inches high anent whom in Pepys' diary we find the following entry on Aug. 15, 1669: "Went to Charing Cross to see the great Dutchman. I did walk under his arm with my hat on and could not reach his chin with the tips of my fingers."

Happiness.

If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another, and this facility of disposition wants but little aid from philosophy, for health and good humor are almost the whole affair. Many run about after felicity, like an absent-minded man hunting for his hat while it is in his hand or on his head.

Hospital Wireless.

"A very efficient system of wireless telegraphy exists in every hospital," said the nurse. "Apparently all patients have the knack of transmitting messages; otherwise the news of serious cases would not travel so quickly and accurately from ward to ward. It is contrary to the rules for hospital attendants to retail gossip, and most of them observe strict secrecy, yet notwithstanding that precaution there is never an interesting case in the building whose history is not known and discussed in the remotest corner.

"Last week a boy suffering with a peculiar kind of throat trouble was brought into a first floor ward. The doctors were very much interested in the case, yet they took special pains never to mention it in the hearing of another patient. But for all the good their caution did they might as well have lectured on the case in every ward, for when the boy died men and women all about the hospital said to the nurses: 'So that poor boy died, did he? I suppose there wasn't much hope for him from the start.'

"How did the news travel?"—New

FRENCH ZOUAVES.

These Fighters Won Their Greatest Fame in the Crimea.

One of the most interesting class of soldiers of modern times has been the French corps called the zouaves. This body of daring and picturesquely attired fighters reached the heights of its reputation during the Crimean war.

The zouave corps at that time was supposed to consist of Frenchmen. It was, however, quite international, since many daring young foreigners had joined it and it was known to include in its ranks men from Oxford, Gottingen and other universities. It is probable that a majority of its members were in it more for love of fighting than for any love of country.

It is not strange therefore, that its fame as a fighting body should have spread throughout the world. When our war between the states broke out several corps of zouaves, wearing the glittering oriental uniforms of the French corps or a modification of them, were formed on both sides. On the Union side the best known was that corps commanded by Elmer Ellsworth, a young man from New York and the first killed on the Union side. In the Confederacy the most famous corps of zouaves was that called the "Louisiana Tigers."

While in modern military life the zouave unit has practically disappeared in name the zouave name and uniform still survive.—Harper's Weekly.

Her Property.

Now and again things happen on the football field which go to add to the gayety of the nation. On one occasion, for instance, during a certain league match in the north, the referee somehow managed to lose his whistle. There was not another whistle to be found, and it seemed that the game would have to come to a sudden and inglorious end until the referee hit upon an ingenious scheme. He produced a latchkey from his pocket and managed to toodle merrily enough on it till suddenly as he approached the touch line a woman's shrill voice was heard exclaiming:

"I tell you come here at once. Where did you get that latchkey?"

As he listened to the guffaw which went up from the assembled crowd that referee was the most sheepish looking man on the ground, and as he thought of the curtain lecture looming ahead his heart became like lead within his bosom.—London Answers.

A Puzzling Trick.

Take a piece of writing paper about three inches square and with a lead pencil, the point of which has been dipped in water, draw a circle, a square, a triangle or any other geometrical figure. Lay the paper carefully on a pan of water, letting it float and leaving the surface dry. Carefully drop water on the surface of the paper until the space within the figure is filled. The moistened pencil lines will keep it from flowing outside the figure. Now place the point of a pin over some point in the figure near the edge. The pin point must penetrate the surface of the water, but must not touch the paper. At once the paper will float around until the pin points directly to the center of the figure. See if you can find out why it does this.

Rats and Water.

Government experiments show that rats can live an indefinite time without water. Three of the animals were put on a diet consisting of bread, meat and cheese, but no water, and all were alive and well sixty days after the experiment was begun. On the fifteenth day one was given an opportunity to drink, but made no attempt to do so. When kept without food, but with water, one rat lived three days, and of six rats deprived of both food and water all died within periods ranging from two to five days.—Chicago News.

POPPING CORN.

Why the Heat Literally Turns the Grains Inside Out.

A grain of popcorn is filled with tightly packed starch grains. The interior of the grain is divided into a large number of cells, each of which may be likened to a tiny box, the walls whereof are sufficiently strong to withstand considerable pressure from within. Upon the application of heat the moisture present in each little box is converted into steam that finally escapes by explosion.

To obtain a satisfactory popping there is required a very high degree of heat. This causes the greater part of the cells to explode simultaneously. The grain of corn then literally turns inside out and is transformed into a relatively large mass of snow white starch.

If corn be old and dry it will not pop satisfactorily. A few cells near the center of the grain may burst, but the general result will be unsatisfactory. At the base of the kernels, where they are attached to the cob, the cells appear to be driest, and it has been observed that these cells are seldom broken in the popping.

Practically all the popcorn raised for market in this country comes from New England. Great quantities of it are popped, buttered and packed for sale all over the United States.—Harper's Weekly.

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MUTTON BIRDS IN MILLIONS

Armies of Them Blacken New Zealand's Sky Every Spring.

Yearly, at the coming of spring, the thousand coastal islands of New Zealand, more especially those lying to ward the south, become the temporary homes of myriads of mutton birds, which pay a visit for the nesting season. Out of the silence of the great southern ocean come the birds in vast armies. Low flying over the water, for the most part close in shore, the huge flocks draw dark parallels of shadow across the seascape. The birds fly in separate bands, disciplined and massed in a serried whole—a continuous stream that passes between sea and sky. Each army shows a front of perhaps a quarter of a mile, the huge length stretching away league after league into interminable distance.

Stand on the brow of some coastal headland and watch the passage of one of these bird armies. It is a wonderful sight. Far below one looks down on a heaving floor of close packed, undulating black backs, lit by a myriad scintillations of white tipped wings. So close is the floor, so serried the ranks of the fliers, that the water beneath is hidden as with a carpet.

Hour after hour the passage of the army continues, from dawn till dark and far into the night. In the night the noise of countless beating wings that surges up over the cliff head tells that the army is still on the move till the whit of wings and cries of the rear guard beating up the stragglers grow faint in the distance and one realizes that at last the mighty host has passed on its way.—Wide World Magazine.

A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to posses more sundials than any other city in the world. In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial of the Palais Royal was the center of an eager crowd. A writer tells of a "great crowd in the corner of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses in the air." Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But the duke not only preserved the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, gave the signal.

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A DETECTIVE STORY.

One They Tell In London on Two American Police Officials.

As an illustration of the good nature of Frank Froest, who used to be chief of Scotland Yard, they tell this story in London:

Many years ago two American detectives chanced to be in London together, awaiting the extradition of criminals who had been arrested in England for offenses committed in the United States. His Hotel Victoria was then American headquarters in London, and one evening the two Hawkshaws, who had had a convivial day, fell asleep side by side on a divan in the big smoking room of the hostelry. An American humorist found a pair of handcuffs in the office of the manager of the hotel and proceeded to shackle the pair together, when for two or three hours they slumbered peacefully while the guests of the hotel, American and English including the ladies, came to gaze upon the scene.

When the detectives finally awakened about 1 o'clock in the morning it was impossible to find a key to the handcuffs and hence impossible to liberate them. They would not hear of sending to a police station for assistance lest the story of their ridiculous plight get out, but they had confidence that Froest, who was then a plain detective inspector, would not betray them. A messenger to Scotland Yard, near by, learned that Froest had gone home long before, but got his address several miles away in the suburbs. An American newspaper man who knew Froest reached his home by cab after 2 o'clock in the morning. He was awakened from slumber and without protest came all the way to the Victoria and released his fellow craftsmen.—New York Sun.

TROUBLES OF THE EAR.

Many of Them Are Caused by Abuses of Some Kind.

The best way to care for the ear is to study the things not to do. It is one of the most independent of organs, knowing very well how to take care of itself. If it is duly respected little trouble or none will result. In cases where something unforeseen goes wrong a physician should be consulted at once.

Almost all troubles of the ear are due to abuses of some kind. The wax seems to worry a great many people, and in their concern they usually manage to seriously interfere with its functions. In the healthy ear the wax, or cerumen, is a thin yellowish fluid that thickens into a paste as it dries. Nature provides for its natural exit from the ear passage by uniting it with the tiny flakes of dead skin which fall outward unnoticed either by seeing or feeling. Thus wax does not accumulate in a healthy ear, which has just enough to make sticky the stiff little hairs that grow in the passage.

Instruments should never be poked into the ear by the inexperienced nor wads of material continually mopped and squeezed into the opening for cleansing. Usually such treatment induces an increase or caking of wax. Hot water is the best solvent for wax, 105 to 115 degrees F. If the need of it is imperative gently syringe the ear with it. Cotton plugs in the ear are useful at times, but should be used no more than absolutely necessary for they obstruct the canal and interfere with the natural way of casting off wax.—Exchange.

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George W. Dawson, of Charleroi, has sold to G. M. Mitchell, of Westmoreland county, a lot in Charleroi fronting 40 feet on Crest avenue. The consideration was $3,050.

It isn't a question of being fair with England. It seems to be a question of England being fair with us.

Woodrow Wilson is said to be fond of limericks. Does he mean generally or particularly.

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UP THE RIVER

At the last rehersal of the Fayette City Choral Class Tuesday evening the members of that society decided to hold their second annual recital on the evening of Tuesday, February 11. It will be given in the Presbyterian church.

Ten young men of the vicinity will be initiated into the mysteries of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Morning Star Council No. 29, of Fayette City next Monday night. The degree will be conferred by the local team.

A syndicate composed of Dr. R. G. Patton and W. W. Luce of Belle Vernon and E. L. Cunningham and B. H. Strickler of Monessen, has purchased the Robert F. Allen tract of 24 acres on the street car line near Lynn's grove and will open up a building addition.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Belle Vernon, held Thursday evening the following officers were elected: B. F. Taylor, President; J. R. Ferguson, Vice President; Carl Woodward, Cashier; Clementa Pardiny, Clerk.

Rev. C. L. McKee, the superintnedent of Home Missions of Washington Presbytery, will be at the service at the Presbyterian church at Roscoe tomorrow evening. He comes to hold a conference with the church people at the close of the service. Evangelistic services will begin on Sunday evening and continue for a period of three weeks.

The state highway department has a force of men at work on the road leading between Roscoe and Coal Center. Considerable blasting has been going on during the past week. It is expected that they will place the road in good shape for travel prior to any permanent work being done on it.

The California Bottle Works will resume operations in about three weeks. A force of men are busy at the plant making repairs etc. It is rumored that the output will be used by the Larkins Soap company, but the proprietors are unable to give definite information on the subject until later.

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Our Wonderful Eyes.

Is there anything so wonderful as the eye? No matter how cold the weather may be, the eye never fails In the wildest of blizzards, when the thermometer registers many degrees below zero, when the feet and fingers freeze, when the throat freezes, when even the torso, swathed in sweaters and chamois skin vestings, freezes; when the nose and ears are frost bitten, when the hair even crackles in the blast—when all is lost apparently, the eyes suffer no pain, but continue to perform their normal functions. The people of the most inclement, most frigid regions of the extreme north bundle up everything but their eyes. The eyes are never frostbitten. They seem to suffer only in a strong wind which carries in its current some irritating substance. And yet, notwithstanding this, the eyes are the most sensitive of our several organs.

Banking the Fire.

Banking the fire is a very simple process. It is easier to bank a fire than to bank anything else we know of. We have not been able to bank anything excepting a fire for several years. Place the ashes in the flour sifter and thus sprinkle them carefully over the coals—three teacupfuls for a small furnace, the kind that goes out every five minutes, and five teacupfuls for one of the battleship variety. Close all of the drafts or leave all of them open, as you choose, turn out the gas in the basement, lock the kitchen door, take your dose of family ten, wind the clock, put out the cat and go to bed. If these directions are followed faithfully you will in the morning find one of two conditions—the fire will be going or it will be out.—Boston Globe.

Wanted to Be In Style.

A customer in a butcher's shop stood gazing at some small alligators in an aquarium. Having turned the matter over in his mind, the customer approached the butcher and exclaimed, "I suppose a body might as well be dead as out of style. Gimme a couple of pounds of alligator."

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Mrs. Hirst of Noblesville, Ind., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. James of Sixth street.

Mrs. T. L. Pollock is in California today visiting relatives.

Miss Cora Culbert, of McKeesport and Mrs. Mary Rupert and daughter Thelma, of Donora, were guests on Friday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Stanley, on Fallowfield avenue.

Miss Edna Shearer of near Fayette City is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reeves.

Mrs. A. G. Lewis entertained the members of the King's Daughters class, of the First Baptist Sunday School at her home on Washington avenue Thursday evening. Mrs. Lewis is the teacher of the class.

BOWLING

A bowling match between the O'Connell Bowling club of Charleroi and the Fayette City Champion Bowling club will take place in Charleroi Monday evening at the Swickey alleys. The teams will contest for a handsome prize which is on exhibition at J. B. Schafer's jewery store. After the games the two club will repair to the rooms of the O'Connell club, where the feasibility of organizing a bowling league from among the young men of the various Catholic churches of the nearby towns will be considered.

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William M. Brown, representative-elect in congress for the Twenty-fourth district of Pensylvania and former lieutenant governor of the state, died at Hotel McAlpin at New York of pneumonia late Sunday night.

His home was in New Castle. Mr. Brown went to New York last Monday on a business errand and shortly afterward contracted a cold which developed into his fatal illness. He was to have entered congress next March. His wife, his son, Arthur M. Brown and his daughter, Emma, were with him at the time of his death. He was 64 years of age.

The body is being taken to New Castle accompanied by the family.

Representative-elect Brown was born in Greenville, September 20, 1850. His father died when he was five years old and with his mother he went to Iowa. Ten years later he and his mother went to Warren, O., then they came to New Castle. Mr. Brown studied law in the office of the late Judge John M. McMichael and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He practiced law at New Castle until 1888 when he was appointed special agent for the United States Land Office department in Iowa.

Mr. Brown filled this position one year when he returned to New Castle. He was a Republican and was a candidate for the State Assembly in 1876 but was defeated. He was a candidate in 1880 but again was defeated. In 1896 he was elected to the Senate from the Lawrence-Mercer district. In 1902 he was elected lieutenant governor in the administration of Gov. Samuel Pennypacker. He also had served several terms as a member of select council of New Castle.

In 1914 he was made the candidate of the Republican party for congress in this district including the counties of Lawrence, Beaver and Washington and at the fall election in a three-cornered fight, easily won out over Henry W. Temple of Washington county, the Progressive nominee and S. A. Barnum of Washington county, the Democratic nominee.

"THE CRUCIBLE" GREAT PLAY AT COYLE THEATRE

Tomorrow evening will be a great evening at the Coyle theatre, when "The Crucible" will be presented. The fascinating star, Marguerite Clark in the drama scores one of her most distinguished triumphs. She portrays the role of little Jean Fanshaw, at first hoyden and tom-boy, unjustly condemned to a reformatory, but who later triumphs over the shame of her imprisonment and the sordid corruptness of her environment. How she is rewarded for her long struggle against evil by the attainment of a wonderful love is vividly unfolded by the strong photoplay.

J. C. JONES TO TAKE CHARGE OF WEST VIRGINIA NEWSPAPER

Member of Mail News Staff Leaves For West Union to Begin New Duties—Will Practice Law.

James C. Jones, who has been for several months one of the news staff of the Mail, has resigned his position to take charge of the West Union Record at West Union, W. Va., a weekly publication. Incidentally Mr. Jones will take up the practice of law at West Union, he being a member of the West Virginia bar.

Mr. Jones spent about a year in the Monongahela valley, coming from Morgantown. He was first employed on the staff of the Monongahela Times and then came with the Mail. While here he made many friends who wish him the best of success.

PROVISION FOR VACANCY MADE

Congressman Brown's Death Creates No New Problem in This District

SPECIAL ELECTION UNLIKELY

Some wonderment has been expressed as to the method of filling the congresional vacancy caused by the death of Congressman-elect William M. Brown. It is hardly likely that any action will be necessary until next November to fill the place.

In case of a congressional vacancy caused by death or resignation the law provides that the governor shall issue a writ of proclamation giving 30 days' notice of an election for a successor. When there is no special session of congress it is customary to let the choice of a new congressman go over to the regular election which this year will occur next November. In case, however, of a special session of congress the law seems to require the governor to issue a writ for a special election.

At the present time there seems little likelihood of a special session of congress unless the ship bill causes a deadlock and makes an extra session necessary. In such a case it would be necessary to hold a special election; otherwise it is probable that a new congressman from the 24th Pennsylvania district will be chosen next November. Congressman-elect William M. Brown, had he lived, would have taken his oath of office in the regular course of events on the second Tuesday of December next.

The death of Congressman-elect Brown is the third which has caused such a vacancy in the district including Washington county.

In 1842 Joseph Lawrence, father of George V. Lawrence and a resident of Washington county died while serving his third term in congress. A special election was held in May of 1842 and Thomas M. T. McKenna.

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COAL BOAT CONTAINING 28,000 BUSHELS OF COAL SINKS SATURDAY NIGHT AT LOCK

Unknown Cause Contributes to Disaster at Lock No. 4—Navigation Suspended From Time of Accident Until Noon Today

A coal boat containing 28,000 bushels of coal belonging to the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company was sunk in the lower end of the lock chamber at Lock No. 4 Saturday night at about 11:30. Suspension of navigation was necessary until noon today.

The boat was one of a fleet being towed by the steamer J. C. Risher, with Capt. Frank Hoge in command. It is thought the barge struck a hidden obstacle in the channel, causing the sinkage. No blame is attached to anyone for the accident.

Clamshell diggers were put to work at 9:30 Sunday night to dig out the coal, which will practically all be saved. The coal boat will be a total loss.

The J. C. Risher was unable to get out of the lock until the coal was raised, and other boats detained included the Clyde, Crucible, Aliquippa and Robert Jenkins.

ANTICIPATE FLOOD IN THE MONONGAHELA

Thaws and Recent Rains Cause Rapid Raise in River—River Coal Combine Makes Ready For Whatever May Happen.

As a result of the thaws and rains of Sunday, the Monongahela river this morning was rising at the rate of six inches an hour, with indications for a flood stage before midnight. Rivermen are preparing.

Superintendent Thomas Cavanaugh of the River coal combine was busy all day directing the safety of the river interests at the different mines in the fourth pool. Steamboats were placed for ready action in case of any accident to the fleets of loaded coal boats now ready for shipment.

Star Theatre.

"Zodora" every Thursday beginning December 24 at Star Theatre. The greatest of all stories. tf

STEAMER ALIQUIPPA MAKES REMARKABLE RUN LAST WEEK

Time From Lock No. 3 to Lock No. 2 With Large Tow of Coal is One Hour and Forty Minutes.

Rivermen are telling of a remarkable run made during last week by the steamer Aliquippa of the Jones and Laughlin fleet. The boat, towing 52,000 bushels of coal made the trip from Lock No. 3 to Lock No. 2 in one hour and 40 minutes, time that is considered remarkable.

The Aliquippa is the latest addition to the fleet of the Jones and Laughlin company. It makes the seventh steamer in service. Capt. William Elsey, the son of Superintendent Warren Elsey, and the youngest licensed pilot on the river is in charge. The Aliquippa is equipped with the latest improved high and low pressure condensing engineers.

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ARRANGE PERFORMANCE FOR JUVENILE COURT

Local Committee in Charge of Benefit at the Coyle Theatre Wednesday—Funds to be Applied as Needed For Work.

Wednesday night will be benefit night in Charleroi for the juvenile court, the local juvenile court committee, which consists of Mrs. A. W. Day and Miss Minnie B. Richardson having arranged for benefit performances at the Coyle theatre. Proceeds received then will be turned over to the local committee, which in turn will apply the money to the work as needed.

A good program has been provided for Wednesday night by Manager Coyle of the theatre. One of the features will be the Reliance film, "The Lost Receipt," in two reels and "She Was His Mother," a three-reel Imp picture. Both are said to be a sensational and tremendously interesting productions.

LICENSE COURT CONVENES WITH JUDGE IRWIN SITTING

Twenty Seven Applicants For Retailer's License to be Heard—Five Distillers Apply.

License court convened at 10 o'clock this morning before Judge R. W. Irwin at Washington. The list includes five applications for distiller's license, seven for brewer's and 27 for retail license, besides the one application, that of Harry B. Hayden of Monongahela for wholesale license.

A total of 105 remonstrances against the granting of this wholesale license has been filed.

There are really no new applicants. Those noted as new have heretofore at some time held license, some being refused a year ago.

Plate Glass Sale Denied.

A story in a Pittsburg newspaper Sunday to the effect that the Pittsburg Steel company had purchased the Pittsburg Plate Glass company's plant at Charleroi for the Pittsburg Steel Products company is denied at Monessen.

Council Meets Tomorrow.

Council is to hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening in the council chambers.

CHEAPER SHIPMENTS POSSIBLE IF NEW CANAL IS CONSTRUCTED

PUMPS OPERATING STEADILY IN CLEANING OUT LOCK NO. 4

Lock No. 4 Work Being Continued After Some Delay—Flood Record During Year Unusual.

Pumps have been operating steadily at the new lock at Lock No. 4, in readiness to resume work of construction. A remarkable record in the way of floods was made last year. In February the lock was flooded seven times, and work greatly impeded. Then for a six months' period there was no flood, and workmen enjoyed a continuous run. Floods during this winter have been more numerous than they were last summer or last fall.

ONE BOY KILLED WHILE COASTING

Hyman Rosenbloom Meets Death When His Sled Hits Car at Monessen

ANOTHER LAD MUCH INJURED

Hyman Rosenbloom, 7 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rosenbloom, of 12 Donner avenue, Monessen was almost instantly killed Saturday night at 7:10 o'clock when he crashed into a street car on the Webster, Monessen, Belle Vernon and Fayette City line, while coasting down Oneida street. His brother James, aged 5, who was on the same sled with Hyman escaped injury by being thrown out of the way of the car. The fatality was the first of the season from coasting in this vicinity.

Hyman and his brother James had acquired through much saving ten cents, and with this Saturday purchased a sled from another boy. The fatal ride was one of their first. The motorman of the car, Edward Crabb saw the boys coming down Oneida street and realizing that a collision was inevitable, stopped his car. The older boy went under the car and was squeezed under the shaft. Not knowing he was there, but thinking he had escaped as had his younger brother, the motorman started the car, when the boy's position was instantly realized. His body was pulled out then, much mangled. The conductor of the car was John Dixon.

Deputy Coroner H. W. Day is investigating the accident. Certain streets had been roped off for coasting and it is maintained that the Rosenbloom boys were coasting on one not guarded.

Another accident of serious consequence occurred when Forest Kerns, a lad of seven years, crashed into a taxicab driven by Francis Odbert at Monessen. He sustained a compound fracture of his nose, and the flesh from the upper part of his face was torn. Five doctors rendered medical attention. It is believed today that his sight can be saved.

All-Water Route to New York Certainty With Local Waterway Completed

ADVANTAGES EASILY PROVE

Eastern and Western Markets Might Be Supplied Expeditiously—75 Miles to New York Better Than 2,200 Miles to New Orleans.

Great saving will result in the transportation of coal to eastern and western markets if the Ohio River and Lake Erie ship canal is constructed. Moreover quicker water shipments will be possible, and an all water route to New York city will be a reality.

By an all-water route the shipping distance to New York city would be 750 miles. To New Orleans it is now 2,200 miles. New York would be a better market and a more suitable market for coal than New Orleans. From New York shipping to the Pacific coast by way of the Panama canal would be easy. Eastern markets could be supplied cheaply and expeditiously.

Rail shipments of coal are costly. Virtually to the lakes it costs 85 cents a ton to ship coal. It is estimated that with a barge canal such as is proposed it would be possible to ship coal at the rate of not more than 35 or 40 cents per ton, a saving of about half.

The route of the proposed Ohio River and Lake Erie Ship canal has been pretty well outlined. It takes a course up through Pennsylvania to a point not far from Youngstown and then branches into Ohio to enter Lake Erie six miles west of Ashtabula at the mouth of Indian creek. The all-water route to New York would be by way of the proposed new canal, 100 miles on Lake Erie to the mouth of the New York state barge canal and by the barge canal to the Hudson and thence to New York city by the Hudson. The route to the ocean would be the cheapest possible. It would make a 12 foot waterway all the distance and would make possible the loading of barges in the Monongahela river for transportation to the coast without transfer.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS PROGRAMMED FOR PALACE

An excellent program has been arranged for the first part of the week at the Palace theatre. This afternoon and evening the attraction will be "The Last Chapter," an interesting five-part drama with Carlyle Blackwell in the leading role. The picture is taken from the book by Richard Harding Davis. The picture is considered the best release on the Alliance program. On Wednesday afternoon and evening the attraction will be "Threads of Destiny." In this film the well known Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, with her son Russell will be featured.

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WINDOWS AND WEATHER

Does your bedroom window drop with the mercury? Do the window openings that cannot be too wide in the summer time gradually narrow to an inch or two at this season of the year? Do you think that your need for fresh air diminishes with the arrival of the first cold wave? If so you are greatly mistaken, remarks the state commissioner of health in a weekly interview.

If the thought of wide open windows in zero weather is appalling, pluck up courage and try a small dose at first. You will find that it is far better to spend more money for blankets and comfortables than for doctor bills and medicine, and eight hours sleep in cool, fresh, invigorating air is a far better stimulant than anything that comes in bottles, no matter what the claims on the label.

It may be that your daily business demands your presence in stuffy, overheated workrooms or offices where the regulation of the temperature is not within your individual control. It may be that your fellow workers or employers are not wise enough to appreciate the value from a business standpoint of good ventilation in the workrooms. If it is your misfortune to be so confined try to make up for it by giving yourself the maximum amount of ventilation during the hours of sleep.

Night is the time for mental and physical building up. This demands fresh air. It is impossible to properly purify the blood with used air. It is just as necessary to bathe the blood while it is passing through the lungs with clean air as it is to bathe your body with clean water.

Sleeping with your windows wide open the year around is a matter of habit and of bed clothes. Nature intended us to have fresh air to breathe day and night. If you have any lingering memories of the old wives tale that night air is injurious, put it aside. It's like many another old saying has no foundation in fact.

BETTERMENT PROMISED

Every indication points to the betterment of business and financial conditions in the country. Within the past week President Wilson made a significant statement in a speech to business men at Washington, promising an improvement in affairs, vaguely hinting that the period of experimental legislation is over, and saying more plainly that the Democrats have come to a realization of some of the needs of business. What he said is worthy of note, for he has been in a position to see and judge affairs as they are. Financial interests recognize a brightening of the skies, and all optimistic reports are not mere conjectures. They are a reality as well as a wish.

Henry Clews, the New York banker conservatively discusses the situation, and finds hope. He says:

"As to general conditions, the tendency is rather towards improvement than otherwise. Confidence has been steadily growing because the country has adjusted itself to the war basis, because the antagonism to capital shows signs of abating, because our legislators are beginning to realize that attacks upon business have been carried to an injurious degree and because the railroad outlook has improved by the manifestation of a more considerate spirit on the part of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Our continued large export movement and the resulting favorable balance of trade is likewise an important factor, inasmuch as it strengthens our ability to retain, if not attract gold. At present the excess of exports over imports is phenomenal; the only draw back being that diminished imports are having a detrimental effect upon national revenue. It is much more desirable that we import merchandise than securities in payment for our exports; but Europe is likely to resist a gold movement in this direction, and we do not wish an influx of American securities.

"A factor in peril still prevails in trade circles. Abundant money promises to be a powerful stimulant to trade recovery. The iron industry is still very dull, but its leaders preserve an optimistic front. It cannot grow worse and must grow better in time. The textile trades are more active, and better prices are being obtained for both cotton and woolen fabrics. The high price of wheat is exceedingly satisfactory to growers and holders, the only danger being that value may be raised to a burdensome height, not to speak of the probability of stimulating undesirable agitation. The higher prices for cotton have also imparted a better feeling in the south; and the tendency of opinion in all sections of the United States is toward hopefulness and against the extreme pessimism, which has so long destroyed initiative. In about a month congress will adjourn, and the whole country will feel a sense of relief after so much agitation appertaining to business affairs.

Electric Sparks

Some people maintain they never get discouraged. Wonder if J. V. Thompson is not one of them.

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Some satisfaction might be gained by the housewife when there is no milk in the house for hubby's coffee by handing him a milk ticket.

"Pop, is Md., the abbreviation for Maryland?"

"Nope. Maryland is the abbreviation."

Spring.

It's months too early yet to sing
Anent the joys of luscious spring.
Spring poems are chestnuts we fear.
But we must grind one out each year
It's in our contract with the folks
Who pay us for our little jokes.

So here it is our springtime ode.
Do not blame us. It's in the code.
We want to scoop all other guys
Who grind out columns, pert or wise.
With this spring bunk, first of its kind,
And get the blamed thing off our mind
—Roy K. Moulton, in Philadelphia Star.

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Somebody is pleading for a larger West Point. But if it gets any larger than some of the subalterns think it is, there won't be room left for the rest of us.

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What a pleasure it is to think of approaching payday and what a relief it is when it rolls around and how terrible it is when it passes by without pay.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

According to Roy K. Moulton, writing in the Philadelphia Star a well known specialist has received the following letter:

"Dear Sur: Sumtime ago I came by your office and told you that my wife was not so well like she might have been she was week and not able to do washing and ironing like she used to and p'rhaps you can remember what I sayed to you. You gave me some medicin to kure her weakness and after she took it two weeks she got up out of bed and lit me over the head with a bed slat and rocked me nonsensigle. She said she was glad to be week so she could stay in bed awhile. Yure medicin must be so strong she drags me around by the colar of the coat and makes me do the washing and ironing and stands over me with the bed slat and hands me a lift wher I try to quit. I ain't had no chance to go fishing sints she took yure medisin. She is so strong she don't do no work at all but makes me do it.

"I just rite to tell you that yure medisin ain't no good and you are a fakir. I just wanted you to make her so she could work and not so she could lick me. Next time I will go somewhere else. You ought to be docktering horses. Yours truly,

"Angus Hostetter."

Little Willie, after flattening his nose against the outside of the baker's window for about half an hour at last entered, with his mind evidently made up.

"I want to know," he said in a determined yet hopeful voice, "how much those wedding cakes are?"

"Well," answered the enterprising proprietor, "I have them at all prices. Tell your mother that I can do her a beauty for $20. The cheapest is $10."

Willie sighed.

"Ah, well, he murmured in a resigned voice, "let's have one of those one cent gingerbread rabbits!"

—Altoona Tribune.

PROVISION FOR VACANCY MADE

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of Washington, was elected to fill out the unexpired term.

In 1892 A. K. Craig of Claysville, died shortly after he had been seated in congress following a contest with Col. Andrew Stewart of Fayette county. In the election of November, 1890, Stewart was victor by 126 votes. Craig contested and was finally seated in the summer of 1892. He lived but two or three months.

The governor issued the necessary writ and at the regular election in November William A. Sipe of Allegheny county was elected over Stewart for the unexpired term. At that time this district included Washington, Greene and Fayette counties and a part of Allegheny county.

On three other occasions in this district vacancies have occurred by resignations. In 1801 Albert Gallatin resigned to accept the appointment of secretary of the treasury made by President Jefferson. He had served for six years and had been elected for another term in congress.

Gallatin was succeeded by William Hoge, who was reelected in 1802 and defeated in 1804. Immediately following his defeat he resigned and left a vacancy. The law at that time did not require a 30 days' notice of the election and the governor at once issued the necessary writ. It took letters a week to get here from the state capital at that time and as a result the notice of the election did not reach Washington until the day preceding the regular November election. It was impossible to send the word out over the county and John Hoge a brother of the resigned congressman, was elected to the vacancy largely by the votes of Washington people.

In 1910 John K. Tener resigned from congress to become governor but as only two months of his term of office remained and there was no special session the vacancy was not filled.

SCHUBERT QUARTET TO APPEAR HERE FRIDAY

Pittsburg Male Singers the Redpath-Brockway Attraction This Week at School Auditorium—Come Well Recommended.

The Schubert male quartet, hailing from Pitsburg will appear at the high school auditorium on Friday night in a program of splendid musical numbers. With them will appear a reader. The members of the quartet, said to all be Pittsburg men, are Josian Smith, Tom M. Reed, George S. Boyd and Charles F. Miller. The quartet comes highly recommended for its musical work. This will be next to the last attraction on this year's entertainment course. On March 16, Marcus A. Kellerman, one of the most noted baritone concert singers in the United States, with his company will appear.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS LOOK BAD FOR GROUNDHOG'S SHADOW

Graundhog Day to be Duly Observed Tomorrow—Six Weeks' Weather Is the Balance.

Graundhog day will be duly celebrated tomorrow and weather news of the coming six weeks will be published by Herr Groundhog. Weather predictions today indicate that he will not see his shadow, which means that the next six weeks of weather will not be severe. If he sees his shadow, back to his hole he will scamper, according to tradition to remain for the coming six weeks during which period there will be bad weather.

School Board to Meet.

The Charleroi school board will hold a regular semi-monthly meeting tomorrow.

PROPER COURSE IN READING

Systematic Selection, With a Purpose, Is About the Only Way to Attain Results.

A book, an apple, and a blazing fire. What more can the heart of man desire?"

Pretty near solid comfort isn't it? Especially if the fire burns without smoking, the apple is ripe and juicy, and the books of the right kind. For the book is the most important part of the combination.

In planning your reading for the long winter months, it is a good thing to have some definite idea in mind—some particular line along which you would like to add to your store of information. It may be history, biography, science or farming. It may be that you would like to know more about animals, or bug or birds. If you take pains to plan your course of reading carefully, you may in a few months' spare time accomplish a great deal.

Suppose for example, that you are principally interested in birds. There are enough books, magazines and other literature devoted to these pretty feathered friends so that it will be easy to find material for the whole winter's work on this one subject.

Of course you should make notes as you go along. In this way you can save for future reference any scraps of information that you may glean from the sources at your command and you will find, in a short time, that you have accumulated a vast fund of definite knowledge on the subject.

For convenience you may divide your notebook into several sections under such headings as follows:

1. Classes of birds. 2. Their nests and nesting-places. 3. Their habits and food. 4. Description and classification of common birds. 5. Birds that are rare or extinct. 6. Miscellaneous notes and anecdotes.

Any subject may be divided in a similar style. By following some such methods one is enabled to put knowledge into definite shape, which helps one to remember and make use of vastly more than when it is left a mere jumble of odds and ends.

One need not—in fact should not—confine reading to only the one central subject. Good literature of any kind should be mixed in for the sake of variety. Every boy and girl should acquaint themselves with the great writers of prose and poetry, both of our own and of former times. The boy and girl in the country have no better time for this purpose than the stormy days and long evenings of winter.

Competition Defined.

In deciding that a retail oil dealer in Iowa may recover damages from the Standard Oil company for going into the retail trade in competition with the plaintiff with malicious intent to drive him out of business because he quit buying his supply from the defendant and got it elsewhere, the supreme court of Iowa says in Dunshee vs. the Standard Oil company:

"Men have the right to engage in lawful competition, and though the competition may have the effect of driving another out of business, if the competition is lawful no action arises though injury resulted from the competition. Where there is lawful competition for gain, for supremacy in business, for the legitimate control of business, even though the purpose and effect of the competition is to drive from business competitors, yet if the competition is lawful and carried on in a lawful way no action will lie. There is a difference between lawful competition and simulated competition carried on with the sole purpose and intent not of profit and gain, but of maliciously injuring others engaged in that particular business."

Uses for Old Newspapers.

How many housekeepers know the value of old newspapers? They are excellent for many things.

Spread on the kitchen table they catch crumbs and can be renewed at every meal. Crumpled in the hand they polish stoves and remove superfluous grease and dirt on the stove and on cooking utensils before they are washed.

Placed between quilts they keep the bed warm. Put in the soles of shoes they keep the feet warm. Placed across the chest they keep the body warm.

Packed around woollens they act as a moth preventer. A firm is now making paper quilts. These can be made at home by using newspapers for filling and making the outside of the best grade of crinkled tissue paper. A serviceable and pretty quilt can be made of white tissue paper with a floral design. It lasts one season and a fresh one can be made the next summer.

Whooping Cough Caused by Germ.

That whooping cough is caused by the bacillus pertussis, discovered by Drs. Bordet and Gengou, has now at last been proved beyond a doubt. "Masses of minute bacilli infest the epithelial cells lining the windpipe and tubes that lead to the lungs. Their action is chiefly mechanical: they interfere with the normal movements of the cilia by sticking them together: in this way the germs furnish a continual irritation, which results in the symptoms peculiar to the disease." Drs. Mallory and Horner now announce the results of experiments upon puppies. They infected these animals by injecting the sputum of whooping cough patients into their noses and throats. Six weeks later the lesion characteristic of the disease was found in their windpipes. Normal puppies that associated with them caught the disease.

After the Forest Fire.

Wallace, Idaho, is still suffering from the disastrous forest fires of 1910, which burned over the watershed that furnishes the water supply of the city. This basin included an area of 2,000 acres and was formerly well timbered with trees from fifty to two hundred years old. These were destroyed by the fires of 1910. The city used to get its water supply not only for domestic purposes, but also for the development of electricity for power and light from that watershed. Before the fires the flow of the stream, at its lowest stages, was never below 1,000 miners' inches. Since the fire the records show that the minimum flow has fallen to about two hundred and fifty miners' inches. Each year they have to get power from steam and to use a considerable part of this power in pumping water. Records of the weather bureau at Wallace show that the precipitation for the years since the fire has been about normal for the region. This seems to demonstrate that the unevenness in the flow must be due to the destruction of the forest cover of the watershed and not to any change in climate or precipitation. The United States forest service has undertaken to reforest the denuded watershed.

How the Boy Scouts Help.

A story illustrating the helpfulness of Boy Scouts to those on the road is related by a correspondent.—

"I had a puncture near Faruborough, Kent, a few days ago," he said, "and I was busily mending it when a troop of scouts came along and, to my surprise, the scoutmaster ordered them to halt.

"'Can we help you, sir?' he said. 'We have motoring experts in the troop.'

"Two very small scouts—who had proficiency badges for 'motor repairing' and 'puncture mending'—stepped forward and saluted. I am sorry I did not need help."—London Mirror.

Great French Bacteriologist.

Dr. Eugene Doyen, who denies the claims set forth by radium experts that radium will cure cancer, is regarded as the greatest bacteriologist France has produced since Pasteur. He was born in 1859 and has devoted his life to the study of bacteriology. Among the discoveries to which he lays claim is that of the "cancer microbe." Despite occasional criticism by his brother physicians that his methods are unorthodox, his high position and brilliant record compel attention to him and his views.

Flies Disliked in Denmark.

On the billboards of Copenhagen, appears the sign, "The most dangerous of all animals is not the lion, the tiger or the reptile, but—the fly." This is the means Herr Falck uses in waging a campaign against flies.

Herr Falck is the bitterest enemy the fly has in Scandinavia, and his one ambition is to see a flyless Denmark. To preach his new crusade he has organized in Copenhagen the first complete fly exhibition in the world. It contains every kind of weapon yet invented for trapping, poisoning or smashing flies. Most of these contrivances come from the United States.

An old superstition that Herr Falck hopes to rid the people of is that a Christmas fly brings good luck. A Christmas fly, according to Herr Falck, is the potential mother of 195,312,500,000 descendants in the course of the summer season.

Hook and Eye.

The scene was a teachers' training college; the class one of girls; the lecturer on phonetics a gentleman with a nice taste in sarcasm. "This sound," he said, "has for symbol something even you can all remember—a dressmaker's hook; just the ordinary thing you are all familiar with." As he spoke, says the Manchester Guardian, he drew the symbol in chalk on the board, and the worried pupils all laughed. Even they—to borrow the professor's remark—knew that the "hook" depicted was an "eye."

FREE ADVICE TO SICK WOMEN

Thousands Have Been Helped By Common Sense Suggestions.

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RESOURCES.

Reserve Fund:		
Cash, specie and notes	$25,319 50	
Due from approved reserve agents	31,097 78	$ 56,417 28
Nickels and cents		54 23
Checks and cash items		2,071 10
Securities pledged for Special deposits		2,040 00
Assets held free, viz:		
Commercial paper purchased upon one name	$ 19,786.43	
Commercial paper purchased upon two or more names	138,443 53	158,229 96
Loans upon call with collateral		121,922 25
Time loans with collateral		19,157 65
Loans secured by bonds and mortgages		3,442 50
Loans without collateral		40,928 32
Bonds, stocks, etc		65,581 75
Mortgages and judgments of record		132,850 87
Office Building and Lot		45,831 78
Other real estate		31,491 38
Furniture and fixtures		12,238 91
Total		$ 690,522 74

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus Funds	40,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	19,089 72
Individual deposits subject to check (exclusive of trust funds and savings)	121,968 58
Time certificates of deposit (Exclusive of trust funds and savings)	61,434 84
Deposits, saving fund, (exclusive of Trust)	284,035 42
Deposits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	15,249 00
Deposits, U. S. Postal Savings	1,500 28
Deposits, Municipal	18,765 77
Dividends unpaid	129 00
Treasurer's and Certified Checks outstanding	3,815 05
Total	$ 690,522 74
Amount of trust funds invested	$ 212,481 06
Amount of trust funds uninvested	8,889 68
Total Trust funds	$ 221,370 74

CORPORATE TRUSTS

Total amount (i. e. face value) of Trusts under deeds of trust or mortgages executed by Corporations to the Company as Trustee to secure issues of corporate bonds, including Equipment Trusts | $ 340,000 00

State of Pennsylvania, County of Washington, ss.:

I, E. W. Hastings, Treasurer of the above named Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) E. W. HASTINGS, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1915.

(Signed) GEO. W. RISBECK, Notary Public.

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WAR BULLETINS

Paris, Feb 1.—With heavy cargoes the steamers Tokomaru and Icaria, bound from New Zealand to England have been torpedoed by a German submarine, according to an official statement of the French Ministry of Marine.

Galveston, Tex. Feb 1.—The Dacia, with 11,000 bales of cotton has sailed for Rotterdam, in spite of opposition from the British government.

London, Feb. 1.—Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister is said to have urged Kaiser Wilhelm and the German government to consider tolerable peace, in correspondence from Copenhagen. The London Daily Mail attaches much importance to the report.

Berlin, Feb. 1.—Germans will remain on histile soil and operate industries there until the enemy is vanquished or has collapsed, according to the kaiser's optimistic assertion.

Petrograd, Feb. 1—The official Messenger publishes statements indicating Czar Nicholas proposed a Hague conference instead of the European war last July, and that the kaiser passed over in silence the attempts at such meeting.

Berlin, Feb. 1—Shipping on the Baltic will be safe along recommended routes.

London, Feb. 1.—Russian fighters claim advances in their campaign have been made in a pitched battle in the Carpathians. Artillery engagements are reported to the west. Germans are helping the Austro and Hungarian forces and a vigorous warfare is being carried on.

London, Feb. 1.—The German submarine raider U-21 after destroying three British ships in the Irish sea easily escaped Saturday.

Washington, Feb. 1.—It is tacitly understood that the Dacia voyage, which the British have said they would stop, is a test.

Oyster Supper.

An oyster supper will be given at the William Wood's home near Little Redstone church Tuesday evening Feb. 2, 1915 by Charles H. Steele's Sunday school class. Everybody cordially invited. 177-t2

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Amusement Program For Next Week

MONDAY

"Tillie's Punctured Romance"

(Six Reel Keystone)

Marie Dressler, Mabel Norman, Charles Chaplin

The management suggests all who can to see the afternoon performances.

TUESDAY

Marguerite Clark in "The Crucible"

(Paramount)

WEDNESDAY

"She Was His Mother"

(3 reel Imp.) Also Keystone Comedy

THURSDAY

Lois Weber in "False Colors"

(Paramount)

FRIDAY

Charles Chaplin in "His Prehistoric Past"

(2 reel Keystone)

SATURDAY

Second Episode of "The Master Key"

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. B. Tussing of Washington avenue spent Monday in Pittsburg.

Miss Carrie Claybaugh of Brownsville spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Mary Claybaugh of Lincoln avenue.

Frank Hufford and Miss Henrietta Dupont visited at Pittsburg Saturday.

Harrison Watts has gone to New Kensington.

Mrs. Adrian Reynal of Monongahela visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Laborie.

Mrs. Emma Dawson will leave this evening for Tarpon Springs, Fla., where she will be the guest of her sister.

Mrs. Joseph Allsopp and children visited friends at Lock Hill Friday.

DR. GLYNN TO LECTURE ON "THE CANCER PROBLEM"

Pittsburg Physician to Illustrate the Study of the Disease Here Tomorrow Night.

Dr. William H. Glynn, one of the best known physicians in Pittsburg tomorrow night will give a lecture at St. Jerome's Lyceum on "The Cancer Problem." He will bring with him a boy patient and a nurse to illustrate the study of the disease and the methods of treating it. The lectur which will begin at 8:15 o'clock, will be under the auspices of the Charleroi Council of the Knights of Columbus.

ONLY THE HEAD USED

PECULIAR GAME OF "FOOTBALL" IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Among the Odd Things Observed by Theodore Roosevelt in His Travels This Sport Is Noted as Worth Recording.

Well, these Parecis Indians enthusiastically play football with their heads. The game is not only native to them, but I have never heard or read of its being played by any other tribe or people. They use a light hollow rubber ball, of their own manufacture. It is circular and about eight inches in diameter. The players are divided into two sides, and stationed much as in association football, and the ball is placed on the ground to put in play, as in football. Then a player runs forward, throws himself flat on the ground and butts the ball toward the opposite side. This first butt, when the ball is on the ground, never lifts it much and it rolls and bounds toward the opponents. One or two of the latter run toward it; one throws himself flat on his face and butts the ball back. Usually this butt lifts it, and it flies back in a curve well up in the air, and an opposite player, rushing toward it, catches it on his head with such a swing of his brawny neck, and such precision and address, that the ball bounds back through the air as a football soars after a drop kick. If the ball flies off to one side or the other it is brought back, and again put into play. Often it will be sent to and fro a dozen times, from head to head, until finally it rises with such a sweep that it passes far over the heads of the opposite players and descends behind them. Then shrill, rolling cries of good-humored triumph arise from the victors, and the game instantly begins again with fresh zest.

There are, of course, no such rules as in a specialized ball game of civilization, and I saw no disputes. There may be eight or ten, or many more players on each side. The ball is never touched with the hands or feet, or with anything except the top of the head. It is hard to decide whether to wonder most at the dexterity and strength with which it is hit or butted with the head, as it comes down through the air, or at the reckless speed and skill with which the players throw themselves headlong on the ground to return the ball if it comes low down. Why they do not grind off their noses I cannot imagine. Some of the players hardly ever failed to catch and return the ball if it came in their neighborhood, and with such a vigorous toss of the head that it often flew in a great curve for a really astonishing distance.—Theodore Roosevelt, in Scribner's Magazine.

Seine Broke: Fish Got Away.

After having been for eight weeks on the Cape Shore fishing grounds off Nova Scotia seeking mackerel the fishing schooner Veda McKown reached the fish pier with only 5,000 large, fresh and 127 barrels of salted mackerel in her hold.

Crew members complained of the hard luck encountered during the trip, and after the schooner had tied up circulated that the breaking of a seine cost them about $2,000. The schooner encountered a large school of mackerel off Canso. The seine boat was quickly launched and within a short time had circled the school with the seine. However, the seine broke as it was pursed, and all except the 5,000 mackerel which the schooner brought escaped.

The fishermen estimated that there were fully twenty thousand fish in the school, and each of the 15,000 that got away would have been worth 15 cents at the fish pier, that being the price quoted for large, fresh mackerel.

Monocle as a Courage Inspirer.

Jack Heaton Armstrong, an aristocratic young Englishman, has just returned home from Albania with a story of the awe in which his monocle was held by the unsophisticated soldiers of the Moret, while he was in command of a field gun used against the rebels.

Armstrong, who is a brother of the private secretary of Prince William, set out from Alesso with Chief Frenk for the relief of the prince, then besieged in his capital. Frenk had 2,000 men and one field gun. Armstrong commanded the gun.

No matter how hot the fire, the soldiers never deserted the gun, which was aimed and fired by the monocled Englishman. As they had never seen a monocle before they thought it essential to aiming, or a kind of range finder. Armstrong did not dispel their illusion.

News on the Ocean.

The first transatlantic liner to publish a newspaper made up of wireless items was the American liner St. Paul. It was 14 years ago while Mr. Marconi was crossing the Atlantic on that vessel that he personally directed the issuing of the first number of the Transatlantic Times, the first wireless newspaper published at sea. Such publications now include the Daily Bulletin of the Cunard line, Das Atlantische Tageblatt of the Hamburg-American and the Ocean Times of the White Star line. On the Pacific on the steamers running to Alaska the Wireless Herald is published. The stations at Poldhu and Cape Cod furnish most of the wireless news received on board the transatlantic liners in regard to what is going on on shore.

CRAFTON FIVE COMING FOR WEDNESDAY GAME

Speedy Team From Pittsburg District to Face Russell's Men on Local Floor—Warm Contest is Anticipated.

Wednesday night of this week a warm contest is anticipated at the Charleroi rink when the Crafton team will be here to play the Charleroi five. Realizing the strength of Charleroi the Crafton five will come well fortified. The game will be preceded by a preliminary contest between St. Jerome's Lyceum team and the Charleroi Juniors.

Brickley and Irwin will start at the forwards with Charleroi with Kerfoot likely playing center, and Allie Brown and Stark on guards. This will compose a team that will be hard to beat.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REVIEW NUMBER IS PUBLISHED BY THE WASHINGTON OBSERVER

The annual industrial review number of the Washington Observer was published on Saturday, it being the twelfth publication of the kind issued by this county seat daily. In three sections it is a journal containing much information of the industrial and business affairs of the county. Detailed accounts of the financial and industrial operations in the county during 1914 are published in the first two sections and in third section is devoted to news. The review number is a credit to the publishers of the Observer and its editors. Much of the material was gathered by W. P. Wilson of the Observer news staff.

Get Free Ride.

A bride and groom said to be from an up river town were given a free ride today at noon in a well decorated auto. A large sign was carried on the side of the auto announcing their marriage, and tin cans formed a part of the decorations.

FEASTS OF PURIFICATION AND ST. BLASE TO BE OBSERVED

St. Jerome's Church to be Scene of Two Celebrations With Solemn Masses This Week.

Tomorrow at St. Jerome's Catholic church the "Feast of Purification" will be observed, the day being known as candlemass day. Candles will be blessed after the 8 o'clock mass in the morning and distributed.

On Wednesday the "Feast of St. Blase" will be observed. Throats will be blessed after the 8 o'clock mass in the morning and the 7 o'clock mass in the evening. An interesting narrative is connected with both feasts.

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WANTED—Two solicitors for Monongahela valley. Good pay. Call this evening 7 to 9. W. S. Green, Hotel Wellington. 178-t1p

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FOR SALE—1 room house, 1-4 acre, good well, Speers Hill. Price right. C. K. Chalfant, Speers, Pa. 178-t3p

LETTER SOAKED IN COCAINE

Denver Prison Officials Find the Baneful Drug in Missive to Inmate.

The core of an apple, the peel of a banana and the stone of a peach have been used as a means of smuggling cocaine into the county jail, but attaches believe that an entirely new plan has been evolved, says a Denver dispatch.

A letter was received yesterday addressed to one of the inmates of the "dope" ward. No signs of cocaine could be detected in the corners of the envelope, but the jail officials decided to examine the letter more closely.

A minute scrutiny of the paper on which the letter was written revealed that it was saturated with the drug. There was enough in the sheet to supply one of the victims a week at least. The letter might have escaped detection if it had not been for the fact that the sender had overdone his work. A white powdery substance which covered the entire letter first aroused suspicion.

According to the jail attaches the paper had been boiled in water in which there was cocaine. After the water had boiled away the cocaine was observed by the paper, which was then rolled and dried. The sender of the letter has not been found. He signed no name.

ELOQUENCE WENT TO WASTE

Indignant Mother Had Gained Nothing by Denunciation That She Thought Effective.

Determination writ large upon her angry countenance, the mother of the child who had been bitten by an Irish terrier belonging to a new neighbor (Mrs. Green) gave an authoritative "rat-tat" with the knocker of Mrs. Green's door.

The door was opened by a meek looking elderly woman, and the vials of the mother's wrath burst forth.

"You're Mrs. Green, I s'pose," she sneered. "Green by name an' green by natur', I should call you, to keep a feroshus animile like that there Irish terriertorial o' yourn, a-bitin' of innercent children an' a-terrierizing the whole neighborhood! I'll have the law on you! I'll make you pay! D'you hear? I'll sue you for damages and 'ave that 'orrible dog shot by act of parlyment, I will!"

Then as she paused for a moment for breath the old woman took a slate and pencil and said, in a mildly apologetic tone:

"Very sorry, mum; but would you mind writin' it all down? I'm stone deaf."—London Tit-Bits.

Bridal Array Costly.

Brides all over the world like to make the best display possible on their wedding day, and the bridal attire of the various countries is invariably both costly and beautiful. For sheer gorgeousness, however, it would be hard to rival the wedding finery of the belles of the island of Sumatra. The dress is woven entirely of gold thread, and its weight is so great that the wearer can hardly move; even standing up requires a distinct effort.

Apart from this shimmering, golden garment, the bride is loaded down with gold ornaments, rings, bangles, earrings, pendants, girdles and necklaces and sundry ornamental purses of the same metal. The huge ornaments hanging on chains around her neck are hollow, but all the smaller charms are of solid native gold, most massively wrought. One might almost think that the natives, having heard something about a good wife being "worth her weight in gold," had set out to prove the fact by loading their quaint little brides with the actual equivalent of their weight in the precious metal.

Pleasant for Auntie.

The unmarried woman who shall be the subject of this anecdote was fixing herself up to go out in the evening. A certain man was going to call for her, and though the occasion was somewhat spoiled by the fact that they would have to take her little niece along, she nevertheless took the usual care of her complexion, hair and eyes. For the man was trembling on the verge of a proposal.

The trio—auntie, auntie's beau and auntie's niece—walked along the street until they came to one of these all-night photograph galleries. You know how awful a person looks, standing in the ghastly glare of the mercury-tube lights that they put in the windows of such places? Well, they paused in that awful greeny-yallery light. And the little niece said to auntie's beau:

"Ooo-ooh, look! Auntie looks just like she does when she first gets up in the morning!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Changed the Subject.

He had plastered his touched-up hair down over his bald spot, and he had assumed the sort of smile that his female friends called "childish" when he was in college. His shoes were shined, and so was his nose. And then he called on the young lady. "My object in calling on you this evening, Gertrude," he began, and then he coughed and added in a trembling voice, "I may call you Gertrude, may I not?" "Sure you can," answered the young girl. "I allow all of papa's elderly friends to call me Gertrude. The oldest of them even call me Gert. You may say 'Gert' if you wish. What was it you wanted to talk about?" He coughed again, and then talked about how much warmer it was in the summer of 1872.

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"WHEN HIS LORDSHIP PROPOSED", comedy. Lee Moran. Miss Billie Rhodes and Jack Dillon.

"MUTUAL WEEKLY" latest War News.

"GIDDY, GAY and TICKLISH", Sid Chaplin.

"LOST RECEIPT", 2 reel Reliance. Eugene Rallette, Mr. Cosgrave Anna May Walthall.

Admission 10c

Woman's Long Dog-Sled Trip.

The cold and frozen Arctic had no particular terrors for Mrs. J. L. Bond, wife of Captain Bond, who has returned to San Francisco with her husband and the Thirtieth regiment of infantry from a two years' stay in Alaska at Fort Gibbon.

Mrs. Bond entered enthusiastically into the sports of the region of the midnight sun, snow, and perpetual ice, becoming an expert skier and something of a musher. The longest and most perilous trip which she took was made with her own dog team in company with Mrs. R. H. Pearson and two expert guides from Fort Gibbon to Fairbanks, then to Chena Hot Spring and back to Fort Gibbon, a distance of 650 miles. The thermometer stood between 40 and 50 below zero during the whole of the trip. Mrs. Bond says she enjoyed every mile of the trip and refused to admit that there was anything hazardous in it. They were well provided with food and covers

No Time to Waste.

A western physician has two children, Ernest and Alice, aged nine and eleven respectively. Recently the doctor and his wife made a week-end trip to the country, leaving the children at home with the servants. They were to return Monday night on a train due at ten o'clock. The children wanted to meet them at the depot, and of course received definite instructions not to do so.

When the parents arrived, at 11:30, their train being an hour and a half late, they were surprised to find Ernest and Alice waiting for them, and all alone. The mother rushed forward to expostulate, but was cut off by the shrill voice of Alice crying: "Hurry up, mother. Don't stop to talk. The taxi's up to $7.60 already!"

Colors of Music.

There has just been installed at Queen's hall in London a color organ for representing musical effects in terms of colored lights thrown upon a screen, which has been designed expressly for the deaf. Each note played produces a corresponding color, and the color combinations are said to cause the same delight to the deaf ear as the harmonious sounds of a composition do to the normal ear. The organ was devised by Prof. Wallace Rimington, and among those who have become very much interested in the project is M. Alexander Sciabin, a Russian composer, who has achieved a foremost position in European musical circles.

Filipinos Play Baseball.

Baseball is now played in every part of the Philippine archipelago, and the number of persons actually engaged in it is remarkably high. Practically every school in the islands has a team and some more than one. Thirty or more provinces have their provincial leagues among the schools, and these are supplemented by interprovincial leagues. In Manila, where the chief offices of the government are located, there is an interurban league running scheduled games throughout the season; an industrial league composed of teams from the employes of the various large industrial companies of the city, and the Manila Baseball league, a professional organization.

The Permanent Things.

The Rhine is flowing today as when the ruined castles on its heights were still unbuilt: the waters of Geneva are as blue: the black shadows on the surface of Constance come and go as gently: the pine needle carpets of the forests of the Vosges are as soft: in the Campagna this evening the mellow light will creep over the land to the call of the Angelus as a week, a year, a century ago: the Alps stand immobile insensate even to the music of their moving glaciers. With them it is today as it was in the beginning.

These are the things, says the New York Press editorially, that are permanent: the things that stand above and immune to the consequences of man's criminality, his idiocy, his petty racial antagonisms, his outbursts of envy, thoughtless rivalries and jealousies, his insatiable appetite for empire, his futile diplomacy and the wars he summons to his own ruin.

Anklets Like Phonograph Disks.

The women of southern Nigeria wear extraordinary brass anklets, shaped like gramophone records, which are riveted on to their legs at an early age, and are never again taken off. Walking in them as will be readily imagined, is very difficult, and necessitates keeping the legs far apart; while running is altogether out of the question. The disks are kept highly polished, and when the women walk in long files to market the sight of their anklets flashing in the sun excites the envy of their poorer, but more comfortable sisters.—Wide World Magazine.

HUMOR OF THE CLOTH

GOOD STORIES THAT ARE CREDITED TO PROMINENT DIVINES.

The Late Bishop Potter as Remarkable for His Wit as for His Eloquence—Archbishop Magee's Humorous Appeal.

Probably one of the prettiest compliments ever paid to the fair sex was that contained in the answer made by Dr Potter, Bishop of New York, who was once asked by a lady why it was that in many pictures and studios of angels exhibited the angels were always depicted either as women or children without beards or moustaches.

Everyone knows," replied the bishop, "that women naturally inherit the wisdom of heaven, but men only get it by a very close shave."

This story is related by the Rev T Selby Henrey, Vicar of St. George Hereford, whose little volume, entitled "Attic Salt," provides many an illustration of the fact that wit and appreciation of humor are not the least prominent characteristics of leading divines. He tells a story of the late Dr Creighton who one received a book from a second-rate author, to whom he replied by return of post, "I thank you very much for forwarding to me your book, and I promise you faithfully that I will not lose any time in reading it."

Another gem is the story once told by Dr Gore, bishop of Oxford, at his own expense. "In Birmingham," he said, "I once overheard two street arabs discussing my appearance. At last one said to the other, 'I tell you what, Bill—he's a Highlander what's caught cold in his legs.'"

It was Archbishop Magee who was credited with the well-known saying when a waiter dropped some hot soup down his neck: "Is there any layman present who will kindly express my feelings?" while the following is one of the best stories told of Archbishop Temple. A lady of position, sitting near him at dinner, asked him, in a most insinuating voice: "My aunt was prevented at the last moment from sailing in that ship which foundered last week. Would you not, bishop, call that a most providential interposition?"

"Can't tell. Didn't know your aunt!" Temple said, in his characteristic, blunt manner.

There is, by the way, an amusing clerical story in Lady Southwark's Reminiscences, lately published. A Somersetshire rector inquired after a sick child who had been very ill.

"Oh, Agnes has recovered," replied the woman, very casually, "but"—in heartrending accents—"I've lost my pig."

"Oh, how thankful you must be that your child has been spared," condoled the visitor.

"Oh, I don't know about that. Little Agnes might have been a blessed angel in heaven by now, but pigs is a dead loss!"—London Tit-Bits.

Sorting the Twins.

Twin brothers who have been called up for service in a Paris regiment are so alike that it is impossible to distinguish between them. The other day one of the pair was confined to barracks, but, by changing his cap with its regimental number, for that of his brother, the defaulter was able to pass the guard with impunity whenever he wished to go out.

The colonel of the regiment has now issued the following order: "The soldier Bonhomme (even number) will wear his hair as long as the regulations, construed with the utmost leniency, will allow, and will shave his beard and moustache. The soldier Bonhomme (odd number) will allow his beard and moustache to grow full and will have his hair regularly cut as closely as possible by the regimental barber."—Daily Mail

Husband Boosts Alimony.

The case of a man going into the supreme court and consenting to have a separation agreement with his wife set aside so he will be compelled to pay her more alimony occurs so seldom that when Justice Giegerich at New York set aside the separation agreement between Samuel Pelz, cotton goods merchant at 140 Canal street, and his wife, Mrs Rose Pelz, it aroused some interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelz were separated in 1908 under an agreement by which Pelz paid his wife $5,000 in lieu of all further alimony. Mrs Pelz recently sued for divorce, naming Fannie Lowitz as corespondent. Pelz thought his wife was entitled to more alimony in view of her divorce case and complied to an order by Justice Giegerich directing him to pay $1,000 in alimony and $500 counsel fees.

In a Pinch.

A cadet officer in the Pennsylvania Military college was reported by a fellow officer for "language," rather a severe mark in that austere institution, at the time appointed for the hearing of "explanations" of marks the offending cadet presented himself before the commandant.

"Well, sir, how did it happen that you were guilty of using improper language while on duty?" the colonel inquired.

"Why, sir, as officer of the day I was inspecting the guard. In handling one of the rifles the lock snapped shut on my finger, and it just naturally pinched 'hell' out of me."

Not only was the mark "taken off," but the colonel gleefully reported to the entire corps the cadet officer's witty explanation of his offenses.—Lippincott's.

ALMOST PERFECT IN SYSTEM

Modern Hotel a Wonderful Improvement Over Its Predecessor of Only a Few Years Ago.

"It is wonderful to appreciate the difference in hotel systems of today and 10 years ago. And still with all the conveniences that are offered to guests at practically the same rates, there is the man who finds fault.

"Today guests have pulleys in their rooms whereas several years ago they had anything from a cowbell to a box of tacks on a door tied with a cord.

"I can remember hearing about twelve years ago the first attempt to devise some means for lessening labor in hotels and called a telephone. It was a sort of tinker bottom affair which was supposed to signal for anything from a San Francisco newspaper to a bag of peanuts. You'd push the button many times and different lights would bob up on the board in the office after the clerk had released the indicator.

"One day I pulled out the bell cord on a certain room and the lights flared up. This signal showed a very different drink and I hastened to notify the cafe.

"A boy took the drink upstairs, but could find no one. After a little investigation we found the room had not been occupied for two weeks and that the signal had been given when a maid had pushed the bed against the room button.

"Another device was the old cord in the room at the Grand hotel. A certain number of pulls would release brass checks on which was scheduled the desire of the guest. Whenever a pull came on this indicator it sounded as though some one had dropped a couple of hundred brass checks on a marble floor.

"This affair was a nuisance, for we got to sending ice water to a room every time it worked. Many times a guest would receive three or four pitchers of water.

"Then some one came along and put in the telephone for hotels. The modern day hotel is a wonderful institution compared with that of but a few years ago."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

HIS PLACE IN PROFESSION

Traveler Not a Physician, Yet He Undoubtedly Had a Certain Connection With the Business.

They were speaking of how easy it is to snack up against a misunderstanding, at a recent dinner in the east, when former Governor Alva Adams of Colorado told of the bad guess made by a messenger on a through express.

In order to break the monotony of the long ride, the senator said, a pair of fellow passengers got into conversation, and nearly every topic on the list was discussed, from politics to the price of eggs.

"What do you think of this microbe business, doctor?" asked one of the men during the conversation. "Do you really think they are as serious a menace as we are led to believe?"

"Pardon me," interposed the other. "You have evidently made a mistake in my calling. I am not a physician."

"Please excuse me," quickly returned the first. "I must have misunderstood you. Didn't you say that you followed the medical profession?"

"Yes," was the smiling response of the second, "but I am an undertaker."

Kept Out of Politics.

In Austria women are forbidden by law to take an active part in politics or to join any political association. Last spring the chamber of deputies decided to cancel the prohibiting clause, and the political committee of the upper house has now indorsed this vote of the deputies, with the explanation that "the part taken by women in associations with political tendencies is well known, and, under the circumstances, can scarcely be prevented." This bill has been sent back to the deputies for further consideration. The women of Austria have been leading an agitation against the rise of prices which they, as housekeepers, feel most acutely. They have been successful in cheapening coal in Vienna and milk in Brunn. The leaders of the movement have been elected to municipal committees, and for the first time a woman has been put on a committee of a town council, viz., that of Housing.

The Easier Way.

Speaking of the splendid work done by the Carnegie Foundation, which recently held its annual meeting in New York, Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell university, said:

"The generosity, the intelligent and unselfish devotion, which Mr. Carnegie has shown in this philanthropy, have won for him the esteem of the whole nation.

"The esteem of one's fellow men—no an easy thing to win; but as Mr. Carnegie has proven, not so difficult, either, as the sage considered it to be.

"A youth, you know," continued President Schurman, "sought a sage and inquired of him:

"'What shall I do, oh, sage, to have my fellow men speak well of me?'

"The sage's reply was:

"'Die'"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Novelist a Dandy.

A. E. W. Mason, the English novelist, is said to the best dressed literary man in London. He is a spare, striking looking man, with something of the appearance of a Georgian dandy. He published his first novel in 1895. He is an Alpine climber, and once was Liberal member for Coventry. But the house of commons bored him to death.

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WILL START PROBE IN WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Revelations of Existance of White Slave Traffic in This County Brings Action of Neighboring Authorities

INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUED HERE

Westmoreland county authorities will take up the work of running to earth white slavers in that county and act conjunctively with District Attorney Richard G. Miller of this county, according to a dispatch that comes from Greensburg. That Monessen, the alleged starting point of the traffic that extends through a chain of towns will be cleaned out, seems certain.

District Attorney Miller's startling revelations at Washington this week produced a profound sensation throughout Washington and other counties in Western Pennsylvania. It is stated the Westmoreland authorities were mildly surprised and somewhat peeved that District Attorney Miller had not seen fit to acquaint them with the facts, but nevertheless concluded to get to work at once, as a Westmoreland town was the starting point.

Third Street Hollow, Monessen, where the traffic is said to have been fostered and given an impetus by Italians, is just outside the borough limits of Monessen. Officers of Monessen seem to have had no authority. No one else seemed to think it worth while to prosecute, though some of the leading citizens urged that the place be cleaned out. It seems the operators of the traffic up that way did not fear publicity, but regarded it rather as good advertising. It was charged on several different occasions that boys were being enticed there and that High School boys made regular visits to the houses of ill fame.

No further developments are reported in the case from the district attorney's office. Investigations are still being carried on. Men who disappeared at the first advance of the axe to fall upon their luckless heads are still missing. District Attorney Miller is being aided in his work of investigation by his assistant district attorney, T. H. W. Fergus, Constable Fred White, of Canonsburg, and by County Detective William McCleary.

TAX LEVY FIXED AT THREE AND THREE-QUARTERS MILLS FOR YEAR

No Change in Taxation Declared by Commissioners

DOG RATE INCREASED

At a joint meeting Friday among County Commissioners Thomas Hill, John A. Berry and A. P. Barnum, Controller John H. Moffit and Chief Clerk H. R. Campbell, the tax levy for the county for the coming year was fixed. It was put at three and three-quarter mills, the same as the past year. The levy this year is a flat one and not divided, as heretofore, into so much for general purpose and so much for bonded debt. The valuation of the county is fixed upon appropriations made for different funds for the coming year.

In order to clear up the shortage of several thousand dollars in the dog fund, out of which sheep damages are paid, the commissioners have increased the tax on dogs. Hereafter the tax will be $1.50 on male dogs, instead of $1, and $3 on female dogs, instead of $2.

Vote to be Counted.

Tomorrow the firemen on the eastern railroads will begin the counting of their votes taken on the matter of striking, and the first part of the week, public announcement will be made of the result. The firemen have asked by the various railroads concerned for an increase in wages. The railroads have agreed to certain increases but the firemen claim it is not enough, and refuse to have their troubles arbitated by a board similar to that which arbitrated the recent trouble between the railroads and the engineers. Should a strike ensue practically all the railroads of the country would be tied up.

CHICAGO MAN TO LECTURE TONIGHT ON CLASS STRUGGLE

On the subject, "Class Struggle," William Francis Bernard of Chicago a prominent Socialist lecturer will deliver an address at the Co-Operative Hall on Fallowfield avenue at 8 o'clock this evening. Mr. Bernard, who has studied the subject of Socialism widely and deeply is said to be a quick and skillful debater, a master of language, and is thoroughly at home on the platform. While in this section he will fill engagements at Monessen, Belle Vernon, Roscoe, California, Brownsville, Fayette City and Monongahela. Mr. Bernard, who is the author of "The Tongues That Toil," is characterized as 'the poet of the people."

WILL PREACH A SPECIAL SERMON TO THE CHILDREN

A special children's service will be held at the First Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Special music will be rendered by the children of the primary department of the Bible school under the direction of Miss Muriel Scott, and the church choir under the direction of E. C. Drum. Rev. E. N. Duty, the pastor, will deliver a short sermonette on the subject, "Gathering Stones."

At the Star Theatre Today.

"Blood Will Tell," two reels.
"Cousins of Sherlocko." 161t2

IMPORTANT WORK AHEAD OF GRAND JURY TO CONSIDER

Organization to be Effected Monday for February Term--California Homicide Cases Are Listed for Hearing

Monday marks the beginning of seven weeks of busy court work. The grand jury for the February term will meet Monday and after the usual charge from the court, will begin its work for the week. Judge McIlvaine will charge the grand jury and take care of criminal court work that may come before him during the coming week.

Judge Taylor will be busy for the first few days of the week in disposing of the liquor license hearings and applications. License court will be convened on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The grand jury will be convened at 1 o'clock. The constables also make their quarterly returns on Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

The grand jury will have a busy week in disposing of the cases listed to be presented to it. There are at present about 100 cases listed for the grand jury including two homecides. These are the cases against Domenico Monteabano, Gereolinio Spallino, Charles Cicero, Giovanni. Spallino and Mrs. Charles Darbin, all alleged to have been implicated in the California Christmas morning tragedy, and Harry Musconey, charged with killing Bert Quill, at Marianna, a few weeks ago.

SUNDAY AMONG THE CHURCHES

First Methodist Episcopal.

Church and Sunday school, with sermon by the pastor at 10:30. Prayer meeting in charge of the Epworth League at 6:30. Evangelistic service at 7:30. At the morning service the pastor will preach at the request of several people on "The Lost Crown." You will always find a cordial welcome at the home-like church. Rev. F. A. Richards, minister.

Baptist.

Bible school at 9:45. Public worship at 11. Sermon by the pastor. Last of a series of talks on "The Holy Spirit and His Work." The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed following the sermon. Young People's meeting at 6:30. Leader, Miss Iva Higgins. Visitors will be cordially welcomed. Rev. E. G. Stanley, pastor.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Church service at 11. The beneficent offering in the green envelope will be for the board of ministrial relief. Jr. C. E. at 2.30. Sr. C. E. at 6:45. This is Christian Endeavor Day and will be observed by both with a special program. Evening service at 7:30. Preaching service Wednesday evening instead of regular prayer meeting. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. J. T. Hackett, pastor.

St. Mary's Episcopal.

Corner Sixth and Lookout. Quinquagesima, or the Sunday next before Lent. Sunday school and Bible classes at 9:45. Ante-communion service, sermon and celebration of the holy communion at 11. Subject of discourse, "Christian Humility." Evening prayer and address at 7:30. Subject, "Forgiveness of Sins." Wednesday of this week being Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent, there will be services in the church as follows: Morning prayer, litany and penitential offices with address and holy communion Friday of next week. Evening prayer and litany with address at 8. All are cordially invited. Rev. Lucius W. Shey, rector.

Lutheran.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching service at 11. Subject, "The Second Mile." Luther league at 6:30. Vesper services with sermon at 7:30. The public is most cordially invited. Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian.

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "The Sinners Friend". At this service the Lord's supper will be commemorated and new members received. Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Senior C. E. at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30. Sermon, "A Power Stronger Than Life," a message to new converts. Visitors in our city and those without a church home are invited to worship with us. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

First Christian.

Fallowfied near Sixth. Bible school at 9:45. Your presence is desired at our live-wire Bible school. Special Children's Service at 11. Special music will be rendered by the children of the primary department of the Bible school under the direction of Miss Muriel Scott, and the church choir under the direction of E. C. Drum. The pastor will deliver "Gathering Stones." The public is at 6:30. Subject, "Christian Endeavor Principles and How to Uphold Them." Evening worship at 7:30. Address by Rev. H. Newton Miller. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30. Teachers training class at 8:30. All strangers are cordially invited. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor.

CHARLEROI HIGH SUFFERS DEFEAT AT CLAYSVILLE

For the second time the Claysville basketball team Friday evening defeatd the Charleroi five by a score of 48 to 21. The game was played on the Claysville floor. In the game at Charleroi three weeks ago Claysville also won.

The score:

Claysville—48.		Charleroi—21
Nuss	F	Wagner
Duncan	F	Nutt
Buchanan	C	Gaut
Miller	G	Stahlman
Ray	G	Campbell

Substitutions—Burns for Ray. Goals from field—Nuss 9, Duncan 4, Buchanan 8, Miller, Burns 2, Wagner 8, Nutt 2, Gaut 3, Stahlman. Goals from foul—Wagner 3. Time of halves—20 minutes. Umpire, Lorimer. Referee, Sharp.

RATHER A MIXUP SAYS CORRESPONENT

To the Editor of the Charleroi Mail:

Sir:—A recent communication in the Mail was the cause of no little discussion among the many readers of Charleroi's news diseminator. Not so much as to the quality of the article, for little things do not disturb the people in this vicinity. The discussion might well be termed a debate as to whether the author wanted to say something or the editor got the headings of several items together and by mistake, bunched them under the locals. The communication informed us that although everybody was going to church, others were building a railroad, some more were repairing the Belle Vernon bridge while there was still a mob left to witness the "breaking" of a broncho.

It is barely possible that a few people, at least, remained in their homes, attending strictly to their own business, but strangely enough, no mention was made of the fact. If Newton Newkirk should stumble upon that contribution, no doubt he would make capital of it. However, it does bring back to memory the advice of an old newspaper man, to a school of reporters: "If at any time you feel that you have nothing to say, then for Heaven's sake say it." "X"

FLOOD OF BILLS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Over 300 Already Presented in the House and at Least 150 in the Senate--Nearly all Important Measuras Reported

DEMOCRATS HAVE UTILITIES BILL

Harrisburg, Feb. 1.—Although the two weeks, there have been introduced approximately 300 bills in the house and 150 in the senate. The aggregate is about one-third greater than the corresponding period of the last legislature, whcih in turn had outdistanced its predecessors. The flood of bills is attributed to various causes, among which are the greater proportion of independent membership in the senate and house, the liberalizing of the rules and the increased popular interest in legislation.

As far as is known nearly all the big bills are in, except those that are being prepared by the Democratic legislative committees. The creation of a Public Service Commission, generally regarded as the most important work of this session, is now covered by two bills, the Republican State legislative committee's measure having been presented last week and Governor Tener's this week. Their most marked difference is that the latter includes provision for regulating issues of stocks and bonds to prevent watering, while the former leaves this to be taken care of in a proposed separate "blue sky" law. The Democrats profess to believe neither will stand a constitutional test and will offer a bill of their own. Governor Tener selected Representative F. H. Rockwell, of Tioga, a pronounced independent, to introduce and stand sponsor for his bill, which is accepted as indicating a disposition to on a measure that will be satisfactory to all.

The woman suffrage constitutional amendment was approved by the judiciary general committee, of the house, and is on the calendar for first reading next Monday night. Another constitutional amendment approved by the committee is to pave the way for establishing the eight-hour day on public work. It passed the last legislature, and if approved this time will go before the people next November.

As indicated the great diversity of the propositions already offered to the legislature, the following are a few of the more important or interesting measures introduced this week. Prohibiting assistance to voters not physically disabled, establishing a state hospital for inebriates, the initiative and referendum for third class cities, liquor prohibition, suppression of the Black Hand, codification of the criminal laws, school teachers' pensions, compulsory arbitration, prohibiting the slaughtering of birds for millinery, reduction of times for third class cities, compelling telephone companies to accept each others' messages, civil service for state, county and municipal offices, raising standard of medical education, registering lobbyists, licensing hunters, establishing a state fair and prohibiting imbeciles to marry.

OPTOMETRISTS PETITION FOR PASSAGE OF PROTECTIVE LAW

P. H. C. FOURTH ANNUAL DANCE IS BIG DRAWING CARD

Charleroi Circle, No. 303, Protected Home Circle gave their fourth annual dance in the Might Auditorium Friday evening, and the event brought one of the biggest crowds that even attended one of the affairs. There was dancing from 8:30 until 2. A feature of the event was old fashioned square dancing.

A number came from out of town to attend the dance. The social committee that had charge of the affair consisiting of Dale Joliffe, John McIlvaine, Louis Booth, Charles Strowd and Howard Vernon looked after the arrangements and made it the success it was.

Receive Increase In Wages.

Today every employe of the United States Steel corporation plants along the Monongahela valley received an advance of wages. All classes of men, whether skilled or unskilled laborers or men in the clerical departments or in the general offices as well as many of the executives are affected by the increase.

Measure to be Presented to Legislature in Short Time

TO REGULATE PRACTICE

Optometrists over the state, and people generally in touch with legislaitve affairs are interested in the outcome of a bill that will be presented to the legislature shortly calling for the adoption of rules governing the practice of optometry in the state similar to those governing the practice of pharmacy or medicine. The measure has been drafted and widely circulated.

At the present time it is argued anybody that so chooses can fit eye glasses, which is practically all optometry is. For instance a faker can pretend to fit a person with glasses, using ten cent lens that are nothing more or less than ordinary pieces of glass. Such have usually no knowledge of the real needs of a person they fit. Optometrists claim this is an injustice to the people and to their profession. Their idea is to have an optometrical board appointed by the governor, which board shall look after the registration of optometrists over the state the same as

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J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice-Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

Recognized Advantages of a Check Account

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SYMPTOMS.

In spite of the apparent prosperous conditions throughout the country, with no indications of a cessation in the wheels of industry, numerous strikes and labor disputes are developing in the various big industrial centers. The peculiar feature about these is that for the most part they are spontaneous, and not the result of premeditated deliberations or special grievances. Rather they appear to be a sudden revolt against existing conditions, born of desperation because of the apparently hopeless effort to live decently and respectably on the purchasing power of the wages earned. All increase of wages during the past few years have been more than offset by the increase in the cost of living, until the wage earner who gets two dollars a day or less, is forced to live wretchedly and even brutally.

These spontaneous strikes are symptoms. They indicate that the social body is in an unhealthy condition, and that unless a remedy is found the disease will break out in an epidemic that will be violent and far reaching. There are cracks in our social foundation, and unless they are repaired the whole superstructure is liable to topple over. When large bodies of unorganized working men and women with one common impulse cease work and clamor for better conditions, it is time to give heed. Something is wrong, and unless it is righted the deluge is inevitable. The wise physician always begins his treatment as soon as the symptoms of the disease appear.

TALK 'EM OVER.

Out of the great mass of bills that have been introduced in the legislature, some are of vital interest to the people directly, and othrs yet to some are of equal importance. [illegible] affect every man, woman and child personally, and some will cut off the leaks in the household income if enacted into law. For this reason every one should read and discuss the proposed bills, and urge their adoption.

The public utilities law, if it passes will insure a square deal to the people, and afford a means of redress when a corporation that has a profitable franchise created by the public tries to "hog" things. When a railroad company wants to charge excess freight or passenger rates; when a water, gas or electric company tries to pull one over on the people, such as boosting the gas rate in canning time in the summer, or in the winter, or when the electric company wants to tuck on a "demand charge," or the telephone company compels you to serve as a messenger boy to pay your bills without any rebate, or the water company makes you buy the scales from them to weigh their product you must purchase, then the Public Utilities or Service commission constitutes a body who will hear your kicks and has the power to exact redress. This is a most important act, and one which should be thoroughly discussed and understood by the public.

Then there are others. All of these make good subject matter for social bodies to get together on and talk over. People do not have to submit to any social injustice if they don't want to, and now is the time to act, when the legislature is in session.

HIGH SCHOOL INTEREST CENTERS IN BASKETBALL

Various School Teams Make Good Showing---Interesting Items and Personalities of High School Folks.

The Basketball teams of High School showed their true colors last Friday night when they won four games, three of which were played on the home floor. The first team went to Appolo Friday afternoon and defeated the High School team at that place Friday night. On Saturday night the first team gained a victory over the Vandergrift P. H. C. The second High School team defeated the Concordia second team; the Sophomores the Chalmers team and the Freshmen the Fayette City [illegible] H. C.

Manager Campbell was deprived of the trip to Apollo with the Basketball team Friday. He arrived at Union Depot, Pittsburg, just in time to see the train depart.

Forward Wagner met with a slight accident toward the end of the game at Apollo, when he received a cut on the head. He was unable to give his support to the team at Vandergrift Saturday night but resumed his work at school Monday.

After school was dismissed Friday afternoon a number of the students went to the rink in order to drive away the cares of the week. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all present and the examinations of the past week were soon forgotten.

A slight change has taken place in the studies of the Senior class for the second semester. Arithemetic has been substituted for Solid Geometry and American History for English History.

Miss Bethel Bowman, a member of last year's graduating class visited High School Wednesday afternoon Miss Bowman is attending school at Morgantown, W. Va.

Miss Edna Weight, a member of the Senior class has returned to school after suffering from a slight attack of tonsilitis

ELECTRIC SPARKS

A quartet to appear here next week advertises stringed music. Just so they are not stringing us.

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A class in a certain school is said to be completely stuck in Latin. What do they want to study that stuff for?

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If some people wish, as they seem, to perpetuate rag-time music, why don't they build a monument and cut out the singing of it as a general favor to mankind.

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Getting the right to vote in England seems to be attended with considerable damage to the personal appearance of the women leaders.

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Bulgaria seems to want what they want when they want it.

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The Balkan war is said to be running ahead of schedule. However, a war has been announced three days hence. Tickets on sale now.

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No, Genevieve, spring hasn't arrived.

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Tomorrow the groundhog will have his day. Hope to thunder it rains.

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The French idea of fixing the alimony while the bridegroom is still in love has its drawbacks

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Still a dead town is not always a good one for an undertaker.

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The fact that the days are getting longer have nothing to do with the alarm clock.

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It wouldn't be surprising for the bride who before marriage plans for three or four servants to find afterward she is the whole crew.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

An indignant woman threw open the door and rushed into the office of the manager of a furniture house that sells most of its goods on the installment plan, says a writer in the New York Sun

She complained bitterly that she had selected a dresser a day or two before and that when it was delivered she found it to be defective; in several places the wood had been seriously marred and varnished over. Apparently it had been sold before and taken back after several months use because the original purchaser could not pay for it.

The manager listened patiently; he expressed his regret and said that he would adjust the matter at once to her entire satisfaction. Asking her to excuse him a moment, he reached for a telephone on his desk. Then the wrathful woman heard a one sided conversation like this:

"Give me Mr. Jones. This is the manager. Mrs. So-and-so is here, she says that a dresser you sent her day before yesterday is second hand. I have told you once before that you must never send out any such stuff as that even if you haven't a perfect piece in stock. No, I don't care to hear your excuses; turn over your desk to Mr Smith, go the the cashier and get your time; you're discharged and that ends it."

The manager slammed the receiver back on its hook with a bang. Then he turned to the wrathful woman and said:

"Thank you madam, for bringing this matter to our attention; if you will keep that dresser a day or two I will have it replaced out of the next shipment from the factory. I rather hated to discharge Jones because he has a wife and large family, but we can't stand for anything like this."

The woman's indignation turned to pity. She said that possibly she had been a little hasty, and perhaps the piece of furniture was not second hand after all; she ended by saying she would rather keep it than have the man lose his place.

The manager thanked her and said that under the circumstances he might reconsider the matter. The woman departed in good humor. Then the manager smiled as he looked at his telephone, which never has bee nin order and never will be. It is a phony phone, but he needs it in his business.

ECZEMA CAN BE CURED!

I Will Prove It To You At My Expense.

YOU WHO ARE SUFFERING THE TORTURES OF ECZEMA, WHOSE DAYS WHOSE NIGHTS ARE MADE SLEEPLESS BY THE TERRIBLE ITCHING, BURNING PAINS, LET ME SEND YOU A FREE TRIAL OF THE TREATMENT WHICH HAS CURED HUNDREDS WHICH I BELIEVE WILL CURE YOU. I WILL SEND IT FREE, POSTAGE PAID, WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART. JUST WRITE ME A LETTER, OR SEND YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON A POSTAL CARD. I WILL SEND THE TREATMENT FREE OF COST TO YOU.

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NORTH CHARLEROI

Miss Alfreda Marshall, of Monongahela visited Miss Goldie Kibbler.

Arvey Duvoir, of Monessen, was visiting Frank Phillips Tuesday evening.

Miss Ila Woodward, of Carroll township, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Alice Lotta, a teacher of the public school in room No. 4, is ill, and has not been able to teach any this week.

Mrs. Jerome Bell, of Carroll township, visited friends.

Mrs. Clyde Bradley is ill with appendicitis.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kibbler have resumed their school duties, ater being ill for two weeks.

Mrs. Charles Cotton, who was visiting relatives of Near Belle Vernon, returned home very ill and had to be [illegible]

Alfred Brant, who was seriously injured by a fall from the postoffice, breaking his leg, is much improved, but is yet unable to resume his duties.

The Lock View Fancy Work Club met at the home of Mrs. John Myer Thursday evening with eight members present. The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Mrs, Wm. Foulks.

DANGER SIGNALS

Lame Back, Dizziness, Darting Pains. Piper Brothers and W. F. Hennings Guarantees Thompson Kidney Tablets.

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"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements.

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth.

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original headstones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear,
For Emily Church lies buried here.
Mixed in some perplexing manner
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"— "Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"— "Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"— "Mr. Perceval presented a petition praying"— "Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"— "Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"— "Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"— "Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Orejon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what

Sometime. They Are.

Little Sister—What are goose eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fouls of the game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not how long.

Made a Strike Too.

In an imperial city a criminal was condemned to be beheaded who had a singular itching to play at tinepins. While his sentence was pronouncing he had the temerity to utter a request to be permitted to play once more at his favorite game at the place of execution, and then, he said, he would submit without a murmur. As the last prayer of a dying man, his request was granted. When arrived at the solemn spot he found everything prepared, the pins being set up and the bowl ready. He played with no little earnestness, but the sheriff at length, seeing that he showed no inclination to desist, privately ordered the executioner to strike the fatal blow as he stooped for the bowl. The executioner did so, and the head dropped into the culprit's hand as he raised himself to see what had occurred. He immediately aimed at the nine, conceiving that it was the bowl which he grasped. All nine pins falling, the head loudly exclaimed, "I have won the game!"—From the German.

FAITH OF THE FOREST.

Tribes of Siberia.

Concerning one of the obscure races of northwestern Siberia a traveler writes: "A few of the traits of these curious people may prove of interest, as they show that environment is the strongest factor in determining character. Their intense superstition is accounted for by innate fear of all things they cannot understand. Their shyness, dislike of strangers and dread of their lamas and chiefs are again the result of superstition and seclusion. Sadness and melancholia are stamped on their faces, as is natural to a people who are in constant fear of the genii of the mountains, rivers and forests, whose whole time is taken up with propitiating the gods lest evil befall them.

"The Uriankhai is a product of the forest as the Arab is of the desert. The one is the antithesis of the other. Environment has molded the character of each to his surroundings. The fearless believer in one God, the nomad of the sunlit desert, compares strikingly with the superstitious inhabitants of dark, damp forests, fearsome of evil spirits and cringing under their witch doctors.

"All through life the forest dweller is in fear of offending the deities, and at death his corpse is carried out and placed on some lone hilltop, where the wild beasts are expected to devour it if the man has led a good life, but bad Uriankhai have not that doubtful honor bestowed upon them."—Chicago News.

Ventilation.

Have we ever stopped to think how our ancestors two or three generations back lived and flourished with little or no ventilation in their sleeping apartments? The night air used to be considered a very dreadful menace to health and a sure inducer of colds. Bedrooms were kept closely shut, and yet our ancestors, many of them, were hardier than we and lived to good old ages. Animals burrow in their holes at night, breathing the same air over and over again, while birds and fowls tuck their heads under their wings. Of course ventilation is absolutely necessary for proper comfort, cleanliness and health, but people have lived on little or none of it for hundreds and thousands of years.—Exchange.

A Giant Pepys Saw.

King James I. had a gigantic porter eight feet six inches in height, but he was not perfect, being round shouldered, knockkneed and lame in one foot. Of a similar height was Charles Munster, a yeoman of the Hanoverian guard who died in 1676, and seven years before there was being exhibited in London a Dutchman eight feet nine inches high anent whom in Pepys' diary we find the following entry on Aug. 15, 1669: "Went to Charing Cross to see the great Dutchman. I did walk under his arm with my hat on and could not reach his chin with the tips of my fingers."

Happiness.

If you cannot be happy in one way, be in another, and this facility of disposition wants but little aid from philosophy, for health and good humor are almost the whole affair. Many run about after felicity, like an absent-minded man hunting for his hat while it is in his hand or on his head.

Hospital Wireless.

"A very efficient system of wireless telegraphy exists in every hospital," said the nurse. "Apparently all patients have the knack of transmitting messages; otherwise the news of serious cases would not travel so quickly and accurately from ward to ward. It is contrary to the rules for hospital attendants to retail gossip, and most of them observe strict secrecy, yet notwithstanding that precaution there is never an interesting case in the building whose history is not known and discussed in the remotest corner.

"Last week a boy suffering with a peculiar kind of throat trouble was brought into a first floor ward. The doctors were very much interested in the case, yet they took special pains never to mention it in the hearing of another patient. But for all the good their caution did they might as well have lectured on the case in every ward, for when the boy died men and women all about the hospital said to the nurses: 'So that poor boy died, did he? I suppose there wasn't much hope for him from the start.'

"How did the news travel?"—New

FRENCH ZOUAVES.

These Fighters Won Their Greatest Fame in the Crimea.

One of the most interesting corps of soldiers of modern times has been the French corps called the zouaves. This body of daring and picturesquery attired fighters reached the heights of its reputation during the Crimean war.

The zouave corps at that time was supposed to consist of Frenchmen. It was, however, quite international, since many daring young foreigners had joined it, and it was known to include in its ranks men from Oxford, Gottingen and other universities. It is probable that a majority of its members were in it more for love of fighting than for love of country.

It is not strange, therefore, that its fame as a fighting body should have spread throughout the world. When our war between the states broke out several corps of zouaves, wearing the glittering oriental uniforms of the French corps or a modification of them, were formed on both sides. On the Union side the best known was that corps commanded by Elmer Ellsworth, a young officer from New York and the first killed on the Union side. In the Confederate army was that called the "Louisiana Tigers."

While in modern military life the zouave unit as has practically disappeared, in France the zouave name and uniform still survive.—Harper's Weekly.

Her Property.

Now and again things happen on the football field which go to add to the gayety of the nation. On one occasion, for instance, during a certain league match in the north, the referee somehow managed to lose his whistle. There was not another whistle to be found, and it seemed that the game would have to come to a sudden and inglorious end, until the referee hit upon an ingenious scheme. He produced a latchkey from his pocket and managed to toodle merrily enough on it till suddenly, as he approached the touch line a woman's shrill voice was heard exclaiming:

"Fred, come here at once. Where did you get that latchkey?"

As he listened to the guffaw which went up from the assembled crowd that referee was the most sheepish looking man on the ground, and as he thought of the curtain lecture looming ahead his heart became like lead within his bosom.—London Answers.

A Puzzling Trick.

Take a piece of writing paper about three inches square and with a lead pencil, the point of which has been dipped in water, draw a circle, a square, a triangle or any other geometrical figure. Lay the paper carefully on a pan of water, letting it float and leaving the surface dry. Carefully drop water on the surface of the paper until the space within the figure is filled. The moistened pencil lines will keep it from flowing outside the figure. Now place the point of a pin over some point in the figure near the edge. The pin point must penetrate the surface of the water, but must not touch the paper. At once the paper will float around until the pin points directly to the center of the figure. See if you can find out why it does this.

Rats and Water.

Government experiments show that rats can live an indefinite time without water. Three of the animals were put on a diet consisting of bread, meat and cheese, but no water, and all were alive and well sixty days after the experiment was begun. On the fifteenth day one was given an opportunity to drink, but made no attempt to do so. When kept without food, but with water, one rat lived three days, and of six rats deprived of both food and water all died within periods ranging from two to five days.—Chicago News.

POPPING CORN.

Why the Heat Literally Turns the Grains Inside Out.

A grain of popcorn is filled with tightly packed starch grains. The interior of the grain is divided into a large number of cells, each of which may be likened to a tiny box, the falls whereof are sufficiently strong to withstand considerable pressure from within. Upon the application of heat the moisture present in each little box is converted into steam that finally escapes by explosion.

To obtain a satisfactory popping there is required a very high degree of heat. This causes the greater part of the cells to explode simultaneously. The grain of corn then literally turns inside out and is transformed into a relatively large mass of snow white starch.

If corn be old and dry it will not pop satisfactorily. A few cells near the center of the grain may burst, but the general result will be unsatisfactory. At the base of the kernels, where they are attached to the cob, the cells appear to be driest, and it has been observed that these cells are seldom broken in the popping.

Practically all the popcorn raised for market in this country comes from New England. Great quantities of it are popped, buttered and packed for sale all over the United States.—Harper's Weekly.

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MUTTON BIRDS IN MILLIONS

Armies of Them Blacken New Zealand's Sky Every Spring.

Yearly, at the coming of spring, the thousand coastal islands of New Zealand, more especially those lying toward the south, become the temporary homes of myriads of mutton birds, which pay a visit for the nesting season. Out of the silence of the great southern ocean come the birds in vast armies. Low flying over the water, for the most part close in shore, the huge flocks draw dark parallels of shadow across the seascape. The birds fly in separate bands, disciplined and massed in a serried whole—a continuous stream that passes between sea and sky. Each army shows a front of perhaps a quarter of a mile, the huge length stretching away league after league into interminable distance.

Stand on the brow of some coastal headland and watch the passage of one of these bird armies. It is a wonderful sight. Far below one looks down on a heaving floor of close packed, undulating black backs, lit by a myriad scintillations of white tipped wings. So close is the floor, so serried the ranks of the fliers, that the water beneath is hidden as with a carpet.

Hour after hour the passage of the army continues, from dawn till dark and far into the night. In the night the noise of countless beating wings that surges up over the cliff head tells that the army is still on the move till the whit of wings and cries of the rear guard beating up the stragglers grow faint in the distance and one realizes that at last the mighty host has passed on its way.—Wide World Magazine.

A Sundial That "Struck."

Paris is said to posses more sundials than any other city in the world. In the eighteenth century the sundial was popular in Paris. Every day at noon the sundial of the Palais Royal was the center of interest of an eager crowd. A writer tells of a "great crowd in the corner of the Palais Royal garden, standing motionless, with their noses in the air." Each was waiting for noon, having his watch in hand, ready to set at 12 o'clock. When the Duke of Orleans was altering the palace in 1782 the Parisians were much disturbed, thinking that they were to be deprived of their favorite sundial. But the duke not only preserved the sundial, but added to it a little powder magazine, which was so arranged that it exploded when the sunlight fell upon it, thus notifying every one who heard the explosion that the hour of noon had arrived. Later a cannon, which was discharged by the sun at noon, gave the signal.

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A DETECTIVE STORY.

One They Tell in London on Two American Police Officials.

As an illustration of the good nature of Frank Froest, who used to be chief of Scotland Yard, they tell this story.

Many years ago two American detectives chanced to be in London together, awaiting the extradition of criminals who had been arrested in England for offenses committed in the United States. The Hotel Victoria was then American headquarters in London, and one evening the two Hawkshaws, who had had a convivial day, fell asleep side by side on a divan in the big smoking room of the hostelry. An American humorist found a pair of handcuffs in the office of the manager of the hotel and proceeded to shackle the pair together, when for two or three hours they slumbered peacefully while the guests of the hotel, American and English including the ladies, came to gaze upon the scene.

When the detectives finally awakened about 1 o'clock in the morning it was impossible to find a key to the handcuffs and hence impossible to liberate them. They would not hear of sending to a police station for assistance lest the story of their ridiculous plight get out, but they had confidence that Froest, who was then a plain detective inspector, would not betray them. A messenger to Scotland Yard, near by, learned that Froest had gone home long before, but got his address several miles away in the suburbs. An American newspaper man who knew Froest reached his home by cab after 2 o'clock in the morning. He was awakened from slumber and without protest came all the way to the Victoria and released his fellow craftsmen.—New York Sun.

TROUBLES OF THE EAR.

Many of Them Are Caused by Abuses of Some Kind.

The best way to care for the ear is to study the things not to do. It is one of the most independent of organs itself. If it is duly respected little trouble of none will result. In cases where something unforeseen goes wrong a physician should be consulted at once.

Almost all troubles of the ear are due to abuses of some kind. The wax seems to worry a great many people, and in their concern they usually manage to seriously interfere with its functions. In the healthy ear the wax, or cerumen, is a thin yellowish fluid that thickens into a paste as it dries. Nature provides for its natural exit from the ear passage by uniting it with the tiny flakes of dead skin which fall outward unnoticed either by seeing or feeling. Thus wax does not accumulate in a healthy ear, which has just enough to make sticky the stiff little hairs that grow in the passage.

Instruments should never be poked into the ear by the inexperienced nor wads of material continually mopped and squeezed into the opening for cleansing. Usually such treatment induces an increase or caking of wax. Hot water is the best solvent for wax, 105 to 115 degrees F. If the need of it is imperative gently syringe the ear with it. Cotton plugs in the ear are useful at times, but should be used no more than absolutely necessary for they obstruct the canal and interfere with the natural way of casting off wax.—Exchange.

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Sold Crest Avenue Property.

George W. Dawson, of Charleroi, has sold to G. M. Mitchell, of Westmoreland county, a lot in Charleroi fronting 40 feet on Crest avenue. The consideration was $3,050.

It isn't a question of being fair with England. It seems to be a question of England being fair with us.

Woodrow Wilson is said to be fond of limericks. Does he mean generally or particularly.

OPTOMETRISTS PETITION FOR PASSAGE OF PROTECTIVE LAW

(Continued from First Page)

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UP THE RIVER

At the last rehersal of the Fayette City Choral Class Tuesday evening the members of that society decided to hold their second annual recital on the evening of Tuesday, February 11. It will be given in the Presbyterian church.

Ten young men of the vicinity will be initiated into the mysteries of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Morning Star Council No. 29, of Fayette City next Monday night. The degree will be conferred by the local team.

A syndicate composed of Dr. R. G. Patton and W. W. Luce of Belle Vernon and E. L. Cunningham and B. H. Strickler of Monessen, has purchased the Robert F. Allen tract of 24 acres on the street car line near Lynn's grove and will open up a building addition.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Belle Vernon, held Thursday evening the following officers were elected: B. F. Taylor, President; J. R. Ferguson, Vice President; Carl Woodward, Cashier; Clementa Pardiny, Clerk.

Rev. C. L. McKee, the superintnedent of Home Missions of Washington Presbytery, will be at the service at the Presbyterian church at Roscoe tomorrow evening. He comes to hold a conference with the church people at the close of the service. Evangelistic services will begin on Sunday evening and continue for a period of three weeks.

The state highway department has a force of men at work on the road leading between Roscoe and Coal Center. Considerable blasting has been going on during the past week It is expected that they will place the road in good shape for travel prior to any permanent work being done on it.

The California Bottle Works will resume operations in about three weeks. A force of men are busy at the plant making repairs etc. It is rumored that the output will be used by the Larkins Soap company, but the proprietors are unable to give definite information on the subject until later.

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Our Wonderful Eyes.

Is there anything so wonderful as the eye? No matter how cold the weather may be, the eye never fails In the wildest of blizzards, when the thermometer registers many degrees below zero, when the feet and fingers freeze, when the throat freezes, when even the torso, swathed in sweaters and chamois skin vestings, freezes; when the nose and ears are frost bitten, when the hair even crackles in the blast—when all is lost apparently, the eyes suffer no pain, but continue to perform their normal functions. The people of the most inclement, most frigid regions of the extreme north bundle up everything but their eyes The eyes are never frostbitten. They seem to suffer only in a strong wind which carries in its current some irritating substance. And yet, notwithstanding this, the eyes are the most sensitive of our several organs.

Banking the Fire.

Banking the fire is a very simple process. It is easier to bank a fire than to bank anything else we know of. We have not been able to bank anything excepting a fire for several years. Place the ashes in the flour sifter and thus sprinkle them carefully over the coals—three teacupfuls for a small furnace, the kind that goes out every five minutes, and five teacupfuls for one of the battleship variety. Close all of the drafts or leave all of them open, as you choose, turn out the gas in the basement, lock the kitchen door, take your dose of family tea, wind the clock, put out the cat and go to bed. If these directions are followed faithfully you will in the morning find one of two conditions—the fire will be going or it will be out.—Boston Globe.

Wanted to Be In Style.

A customer in a butcher's shop stood gazing at some small alligators in an aquarium. Having turned the matter over in his mind, the customer approached the butcher and exclaimed, "I suppose a body might as well be dead as out of style Gimme a couple of pounds of alligator."

FOR DELICATE CHILDREN

A Mother's Letter to Mothers.

Mrs. E. W. Cooper of Bloomfield, N. J., says: "My child, seven years old, had a bad cold and was weak and quite run down in health. She had been in this condition for about six weeks when I began giving her Vinol. It was a wonderful help to the child, breaking up her cold quickly and building up her strength besides. I have also found Vinol a most excellent tonic for keeping up the children's strength during a siege of whooping cough."

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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

Curtis Rutan of Marrianna was a recent business caller in Charleroi.

Miss Agnes Stevenson, one of Fayette county's prominent teachers is the guest of the Misses Trew of Crest avenue.

Mrs. Hirst of Noblesville, Ind., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. James of Sixth street.

Mrs. T. L. Pollock is in California today visiting relatives.

Miss Cora Culbert, of McKeesport and Mrs. Mary Rupert and daughter Thelma, of Donora, were guests on Friday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Stanley, on Fallowfield avenue.

Miss Edna Shearer of near Fayette City is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reeves.

Mrs. A. G. Lewis entertained the members of the King's Daughters class, of the First Baptist Sunday School at her home on Washington avenue Thursday evening. Mrs. Lewis is the teacher of the class.

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